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Lamont's bitter revenge puts Major's survival in doubt

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NORMAN Lamont yesterday exacted a brutal revenge for his dismissal by unleashing a devastating attack on John Major's style of government, sabotaging the prime minister's efforts to regain his authority after months of difficulties.

In a resignation speech that stunned the Commons and raised serious new questions over Mr Major's future, the former Chancellor accused the prime minister of listening too much to opinion polls and giving the impression of being "in office, but not in power".

He also implied that Mr Major had manipulated interest rates for short-term political advantage and disclosed that on Black Wednesday when Britain was forced out of the exchange-rate mechanism, Mr Major wrote to him saying he was not resigning and that Mr Lamont should not do so either.

The speech, heard in silence by Conservative MPs, left the party facing its most severe internal crisis since Margaret Thatcher's downfall in November, 1990 and Mr Major more damaged than ever before. It also wrecked the prime minister's hopes of using yesterday's Commons debate on the economy as means of rallying his party, and left many MPs pondering how long he could survive.

Mr Lamont's criticism of Mr Major's "short-termism" was the most woundingly personal salvo that he could have delivered because it accords with much of the criticism recently directed at Mr Major by Tory MPs and the party outside Westminster.

His intervention had many similarities to the ultimately fatal attack in the Commons on Baroness Thatcher by Lord Howe after he left office in 1990, and it had all the appearances of an ambush. Mr Lamont had said after his dismissal that he would stay silent for several weeks and even yesterday he gave no notice of his intentions. The first Downing Street knew was when Mr Lamont notified the Speaker's office that he intended to make a personal statement before the debate. Neither Mr Major nor the whips office saw a copy of the 20-minute speech before it was delivered.

In remarks that showed throughout his deep sense of bitterness at his dismissal, Mr Lamont suggested the government listened too much to opinion pollsters and party managers — Mr Lamont is widely thought to have been sacked on the advice of Sir Norman Fowler, the party chairman, and Richard Ryder, the chief whip.

He said that in politics "you should decide what is right and then decide the presentation, not the other way round. There is too much short-termism, too much reacting to events, not enough shaping of events. We give the impression of being in office, but not in power.

"Far too many important decisions are made for 36 hours' publicity. Yes, we are politicians as well as policy-makers, but we are also the trustees of the nation." And he warned: "Unless this approach is change, the government will not survive and will not deserve to."

Mr Lamont's occasionally derisive indictment, in which he implied his loyalty to the prime minsiter had not been returned, was a godsend to Labour MPs and John Smith, who went on to open the debate on the economy with far his most effective Commons speech since becoming Labour leader. He delighted Labour MPs with a humorous portrayal of "consistently incompetent, hopelessly accident-prone, foolishly inept" government.

He warned Mr Major that the Tory party's "men in grey suits" now had him in their sights and declared: "No amount of reshuffling, repackaging and representation can now disguise the stark reality of a discredited government presided over by a discredited prime minister."

When he rose to reply, the shaken prime minister hit back at his former Chancellor by suggesting that while Mr Lamont had economic and financial skills, the government also needed "political skills". And in a direct response to Mr Lamont's criticism, he added: "We were not prepared in the government to allow short-term difficulties to deflect the government from what were the right long-term policies for this country."

Downing Street officials later entered the fray by countering Mr Lamont's claim that he had offered to resign after Black Wednesday. They said that Mr Lamont had never approached the prime minister with the suggestion that he should resign. Mr Lamont had indicated that he had no wish to resign and did not feel it would appropriate or necessary to do so. However, he had made clear that if Mr Major wanted him to place his office at his disposal he would do so.

They also said that Mr Lamont had given no examples of cases where Mr Major had been too influenced by the opinion polls, and maintained that every interest rate cut had been agreed between them.

Kenneth Clarke, who replaced Mr Lamont as Chancellor, told Channel 4 television last night that the whole cabinet had defended Mr Lamont after Black Wednesday and at one time Mr Clarke said he had declared: "If he goes, I go", but in the end the political pressures had proved too great.

Paddy Ashdown, who spoke after Mr Major, said that Mr Lamont's speech marked the beginning of the end of his premiership. He did not know when he would go: "It may take weeks, it may take months, but when you do, this afternoon will be the day they point to that started the process."

That was not a majority view among Tory MPs, but a growing number were saying last night that Mr Major had a year's probation before facing an inevitable leadership challenge next year.



SIMON WALKER

Ready for the fray: Norman Lamont arriving at Westminster yesterday with Lord Wyatt of Weeford. His attack on John Major stunned MPs

Sorry, but not sorry for long

"One can feel sorry for Mr Lamont; one can feel sorry for Mr Major. The Conservative party will not feel sorry for long. Like Winston Churchill in the war, [it] is only interested in generals who win battles, not in those who lose them".
— William Rees-Mogg 16

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MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

An unmistakable sense of malice hung in the Chamber. Eyebrows arched, and pale — very pale, an almost ghostly pallor — Norman Lamont sat between a self-satisfied looking Kenneth Baker and a skull-faced MP in thin-rimmed spectacles. It was as though Anger had come to sit between Pride and Avarice. Genesis does not record whether Lucifer, after his fall, made a personal statement ("humiliating climbdown ... devastating blow ... shocked angels gasped as Mr Lucifer hit out ...") but if so, it was only a curtain-raiser for yesterday.

The chamber was packed. Tristan Garel-Jones, newly retired to the backbenches, fanned himself with a brown envelope. On the front bench, Kenneth Clarke and Michael Howard, assassins-in-waiting, muttered to each other. Michael Portillo, apprentice assassin, arrived late for the spectacle, squeezing himself between their reluctant knees. The chief whip managed a thin smile. Opposite, Margaret Beckett, deputy Labour leader, and Gordon Brown, heir-apparent, flanked their leader like prison warders, while joint-heir-apparent Tony Blair skulked behind the Chair. The sense of conspiracy in the wind rivalled accounts of the medieval Vatican. It would have made a magnificent oil-painting.

Mr Lamont will perhaps remember that at 3.26 the House discussed *in vitro* fertilisation, moving at 3.29 to prospects for a bridge to the Isle of Skye. His hands shook through both exchanges. He rose on cue at 3.30. Nobody had the least idea what he planned to say.

We still didn't by the halfway point. His voice a little unsteady, and through gritted teeth, he had managed a cordial nod in the direction of loyalty to the PM, then ploughed through a halfway convincing but none-too-graceful apologia for the supposed policy errors of his chancellorship. None, it seemed, had anything to do with him.

Tory backbenchers, some of them sitting within feet of me, in the overflow gallery, began to fidget. *Is this all we had rushed to hear?* Yet another "not my fault, guv" speech? "Poor old thing," you could sense them thinking, "wants to put the record straight — who doesn't — but wouldn't it have been more dignified to wait for his memoirs?"

Then he moved to policy. No tax increases, he urged: an independent Bank of England; no immediate return to the ERM; spending cuts. Backbenchers pricked up their ears: another leadership bid? Already? He seemed to be putting down a marker

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Flights held up after M4 melts in the heat

BY TIM JONES AND JAMES LANDALE

THOUSANDS of London commuters and holidaymakers travelling to Heathrow faced severe disruption yesterday when the busiest section of the M4, the capital's main road link with the airport, effectively melted in the sun. Elsewhere the heatwave, which had sent temperatures soaring into the 80s, ended in typical British fashion — in a deluge of thunderstorms.

At Helston, Cornwall, people had to be evacuated through first-floor windows as homes were flooded by 5in of rain in 12 hours. In Porthleven, the storm was blamed for a 14ft hole that appeared in a back garden.

The closure of a six-mile section of the M4 between Chiswick and Hounslow led to widespread chaos. While gangs of workmen struggled to repair the road surface, huge delays built up as motorists were diverted.

Holidaymakers were advised to add two hours to their journey time to Heathrow and some flights were delayed while passengers struggled through the jams. Motoring organisations blamed lack of government funding and maintenance for the third failure in four years on the same stretch of motorway.

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Queen is lent £1m for Ascot

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE Queen became embroiled in a new cash controversy yesterday involving a £1 million interest-free loan made to Ascot racecourse.

The advance from the Horse Race Betting Levy Board was towards improving inadequate safety standards at the Berkshire track, which had threatened next week's royal meeting. Ascot is technically owned by the Crown estates commissioners, but is run on the Queen's behalf by trustees she appoints.

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Attorney-general will review 'no angel' case

BY RICHARD DUCE

SIR Nicholas Lyell, the attorney-general, is to examine the decision to free a babysitter who tried to have sexual intercourse with a girl aged eight whom a judge described as "not entirely an angel". He has the power to refer the decision by Judge Ian Starforth Hill, 71, to the Court of Appeal, which could impose a sterner sentence.

On Tuesday Karl Gambrill, now 21, from Southampton, was sentenced to two years' probation after admitting attempted intercourse with the girl three years ago. Gambrill sais yesterday that he had expected to be sent to prison at Winchester Crown Court.

Latest government figures show that on appeal 80 per cent of such cases have resulted in stiffer sentences. The Crown Prosecution Service last night confirmed that Sir Nicholas had asked for the papers in the case. Sir Nicholas has 28 days to decide.

The CPS admitted that it had been wrong on Tuesday to say that the charge against Gambrill was not indictable and thus outside the remit of the attorney-general's office in considering inadequate sentencing.

The Lord Chancellor's department said yesterday that it would not be requesting papers in the case.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Gateshead blast is blamed on IRA

Police believe the IRA was responsible for the explosion that ripped a hole in the side of a gas tank in Gateshead just after midnight yesterday, forcing the evacuation of 250 houses (Stewart Tendler writes). Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch joined local officers in a search for signs of a bomb.

Police said the explosion was similar to other IRA attacks this year. In April an Esso oil terminal near by at North Shields was attacked. Earlier in the year the IRA bombed a gas holder at Warrington, Cheshire. In the latest attack the holder, which holds two million cubic feet of gas, was left with a small hole, buckled railings and scorch marks. No one was injured and 100 fireman brought the blaze under control. Northumbria police said the incident was being treated as a crime but would not specify its nature.

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EC drink-driving move

The European Commission is making another attempt to make the drink-driving limit in Europe more severe. Brussels-enforced changes would mean British drivers would be able to drink only about a pint of beer, rather than a pint and a half, to stay within legal limits. The commission wants to cut the number of road deaths in the Community, but the proposals are likely to be opposed by the government, which believes it has enough support among other member states to prevent the change.

Drivers plan tax ruse

Company car drivers could use a loophole in new legislation to reduce their tax bill, costing the Treasury millions of pounds. Rules to be introduced next April will link the benefit-in-kind taxation on company cars to the cost of the vehicle instead of engine size. The result is that 35 per cent of drivers say they will give up extras such as sun roofs and telephones to keep down their tax bills. However, a survey for Lex Vehicle Leasing discovered nearly a quarter of drivers would fit the extras afterwards to avoid tax on them.

Go-ahead for Lego park

A £65 million Lego adventure park on the site of the former Windsor Safari Park, Berkshire, has been given the go-ahead by planners in Windsor and Maidenhead. A detailed outline planning application will be submitted to the council in mid-September and it is hoped the park will open early in 1996. Up to 1.3 million visitors a year are expected.

Hoover wins back van



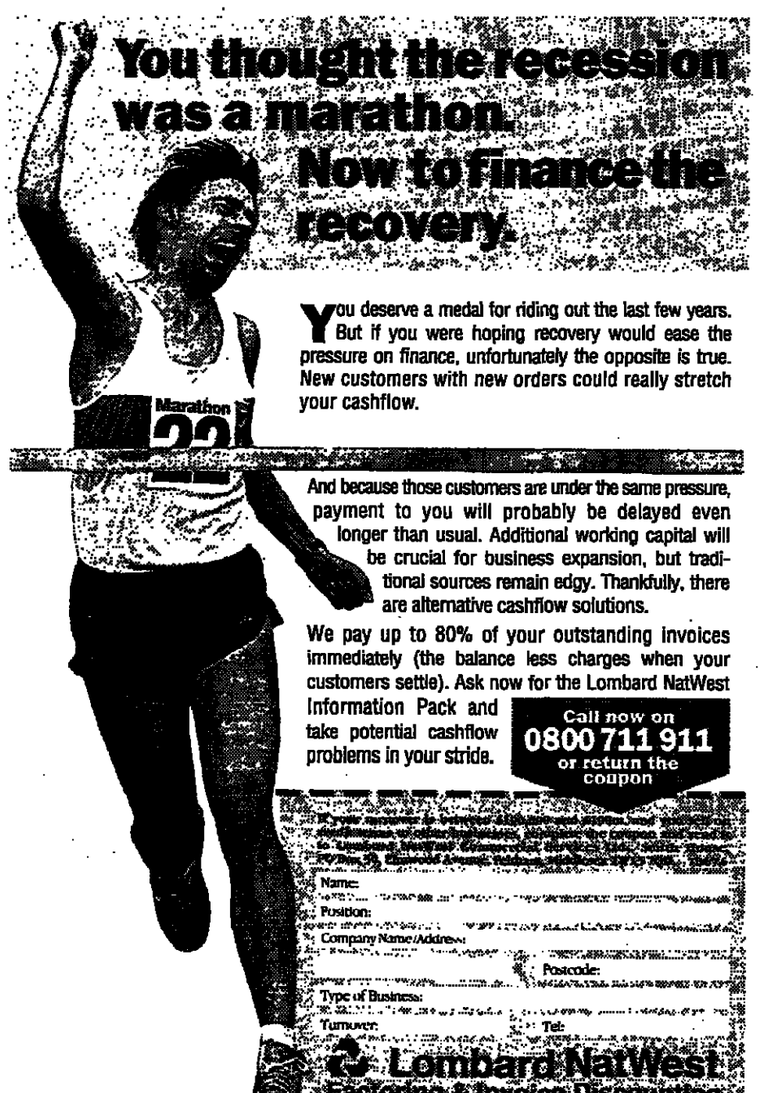
The High Court ordered David Dixon, right, to return the Hoover van he blockaded in his driveway at Workington, Cumbria, after getting nowhere in his claim for free airline tickets to America. The tickets were part of a promotion by the company. Mr Dixon, who did not attend the hearing, said: "They've won a battle but they haven't won the war." He might now sue Hoover for the tickets' value.

Bodybuilders arrested

Four British bodybuilders were arrested and released after charges of illegally importing anabolic steroids into New Zealand were dropped, police said. Bernard Bryan, 52, Colin Wright, 27, Jacqueline Watson, 32, and Kenneth Prescott, 28, had declared the drugs to Customs after flying into Auckland for an amateur bodybuilding championship.

£200m art fair opens

London's top art fair opened in bullish mood yesterday, even though Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, stood in for John Major at the official opening. Among £200 million of art and antiques at the Grosvenor House Hotel are *The Wheatfield*, by John Constable, priced at over £3 million, and a 13th century East Anglian bible worth £100,000.



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Evoking shades of honourable men, Lamont left

Sacked Chancellor defends record on recession, ERM and inflation



■ This is the edited text of Norman Lamont's 20-minute personal statement delivered to the House yesterday

"This is not an easy statement for me to make today, but I am sure the House will understand that and I am sure I can rely on the traditional tolerance and generosity of MPs. To give up being Chancellor of the Exchequer in the circumstances in which I did is bound to be an uncomfortable experience. But I have also been a Treasury minister for almost seven years, a longer continuous period than anyone else this century.

Indeed, I have been the only person ever to have held the three offices of financial secretary, chief secretary and Chancellor of the Exchequer. I should like to pay tribute to the officials with whom I worked all those years.

In my opinion, they are equal to the best in the world and I am astonished how, when things go wrong, how often it is civil servants that are blamed when it is we politicians who make the decisions and it is we politicians who should carry the blame.

When the prime minister told me two weeks ago that he wished to make changes in his government, I of course told him that I appreciated he had a very difficult task. He generously offered me another post in his cabinet. But in my opinion it would not have been right either for him or for myself, if I had accepted. If he wished to change his Chancellor, it was surely right that I should leave the cabinet.

Perhaps I can make it clear that I wish the prime minister well and hope that his changes will produce whatever advantage for him and the government that he intended. It has not been easy being Chancellor of the Exchequer in this recession, continually and wrongly described as the longest and deepest since the war, or even more inaccurately, since the thirties. It is certainly not the deepest recession since the war and, when the figures are finally revised, it may turn out not even to have been the longest. But it is a recession which has affected many areas which have not experienced such severe recession before and that was bound to have an adverse effect on the fortunes and popularity of the government.

This recession was not caused by Britain's membership of the exchange-rate mechanism. The recession began before we joined the ERM, and, incidentally, before I became Chancellor. No. This recession has its origins in the boom of 1988 and 1989. That boom made the recession inevitable. But the recession is now behind us and so I am able with confidence to wish every success to the new Chancellor.

Since the war, only two Conservative Chancellors have been responsible for bringing inflation below 2 per cent. Both of them were sacked. In my view, that tells us a great deal about the difficulties of reducing inflation in a democracy as lively and disputatious as ours.

I am delighted to hear from the prime minister that policy is not going to alter. Having put up some taxes, it is vital that the government now turns its attention to public spending.

I should like now to say a word about Britain's experience of membership of the exchange-rate mechanism. I have always believed you could run an economy on either a fixed or floating rate basis, although at times one might be more appropriate than the other. I tried to persuade Lord Lawson that it was not worth resigning over the ERM in 1988. Although I probably would not have joined in 1989, I did not believe then that a fixed-rate system was doomed to break up.

> 'I wish the prime minister well and hope his changes produce whatever advantage for him and the government that he intended'

When I accepted the office of Chancellor, I accepted the policy, believed that it could be made to work and did all I could to make it work. It certainly did enable us to get inflation down dramatically. Indeed, without the ERM, I doubt whether the government would have had the courage and determination to get it down, a point to which I will return.

The reason our policy on the ERM ultimately broke down was that German policy developed in a way that in my view was mistaken and it was not anticipated, not least when German interest rates were put up last year.

I became increasingly concerned last summer that our policy was too restrictive and that our membership of the ERM was impeding recovery. I did raise with the prime minister the idea that we might suspend our membership temporarily at some future date if recovery were being prevented. He made it clear that he did not want to do that. Probably he was right. I accepted it. In any case, it would not have made any difference. We were talking about the distant future and we would have been overtaken by the same events in September that ultimately hit us. But I would not want the country to believe that these matters were never under consideration or that we were not aware of what was happening in the economy outside.

That perhaps explains why I did not do one thing that some have argued and urged might have enabled us to remain within the ERM. That was to put up interest rates in the summer of '92. Because of the position of the domestic economy, I did not believe that that was an option.

People have frequently asked me why we did not devalue within the system. I did not devalue, because it would have meant higher interest rates at a time when we needed lower interest rates. One solution might have been a revaluation of the mark against all other currencies in the ERM, thus making room for lower German interest rates.

I was not opposed to that. But unfortunately, my friend and colleague, the late Pierre Bérégovoy, the French finance minister, was, despite my efforts at persuasion, implacably opposed to such a move. I do not believe that any question of rejoining the ERM should remotely be on the agenda during this parliament. Fortunately, Mr Clarke has already announced his policy.

I am only thankful that, despite the residual doubts of some of my colleagues, I insisted on getting my own way and on keeping the ERM out of Maastricht as a treaty obligation. Some argue that the credibility of the government was destroyed on September 16. But once I had reconstructed our policy, it was not the view of the markets, not of the Stock Exchange — which touched an all-time high not so long ago — nor the foreign exchange markets, where the pound's recovery has been strong enough to worry some businessmen.

On this crucial point of credibility, I want to take this opportunity to give the prime minister and the Chancellor some advice. Nothing would be more effective in establishing the government's credibility than if my Right Honourable friend would have the courage to establish an independent central bank in this country.



Lord Callaghan: 'an honourable man'

The time has come to make the Bank of England independent. It is my greatest regret that after two and a half years of trying, I have failed to persuade the prime minister of this essential reform. Now that we are outside the ERM, the need is even more urgent.

Britain is one of the few countries where monetary policy remains firmly in political hands and the pressures on politicians to take policy decisions for political reasons can be quite irresistible.

With an independent bank we could have lower interest rates for a given exchange rate. Policy would be more credible and it would give us the necessary discipline for keeping inflation down on a permanent basis.

While my Right Honourable friend and I have been in general agreement on interest-rate policy, I do not believe that even the timing of interest-rate changes should ever be affected by political considerations. Interest-rate changes should never be used to offset some unfavourable political event. To do so undermines the credibility of policy and the credibility of the Chancellor.

When my resignation was announced ten days ago, the reaction of many was that this was a delayed resignation, a resignation that should have happened on September 16. On that day, and during the subsequent days, I did, of course, consider my position carefully with friends and colleagues. I was anxious to do what was right for the country and for the government.

Sir Stafford Cripps, who is rightly regarded as an honourable man, did not resign after devaluing the pound. On the other hand, Lord Callaghan, also an honourable man, did.

There are three principle reasons why I decided to stay in office. First, the events of last September were very different from those of 1967. They affected not just this country, but most of Europe.

The finance ministers of no fewer than nine countries were forced to eat their words and either devalue or float. Five floated, four devalued, one both devalued and floated. In none did the finance minister resign, or, to the best of my knowledge, come under any pressure to resign. Indeed, in one country, the governor of the central bank was actually promoted. He became prime minister.

Second, membership of the ERM was the policy of the whole government, and, as the prime minister said, I was implementing government policy. Our entry was not a decision in which I myself played any part. It was, however, a decision made after a whole decade of fierce public and private argument, a decision made by the previous prime minister, the present prime minister and the present foreign secretary [Douglas Hurd].

Third, I did not resign, because that was not what the prime minister wanted. When the prime minister reappointed me after the general election, I told him two things: firstly, that I did not wish to remain Chancellor for very long and, secondly, that he did not owe me any debt or any obligation.

On September 16, he made it clear to me in writing that he had no intention of resigning himself and that I should not do so either. Of course, I discussed the question further with the prime minister subsequently.

In all those discussions, he emphasised that he regarded the attacks on me as coded attacks on himself. So, I decided that my duty and loyalty was to the prime minister and that I should remain in office.

Two and a half years ago, I did play some part in helping the prime minister into the position which he occupies today. I have always believed, and still believe, that in supporting him then, I made the right choice, and I now wish to say one thing to him. It goes to the heart of the way this government conducts itself.

There is something wrong with the way we make our decisions. The government listens too much to the pollsters and the party managers. The trouble is that they're not even very good at politics and they are entering too much into policy decisions. As a result, there is too much short-termism, too much reacting to events, not enough shaping of events.

We give the impression of being in office but not in power. Far too many important decisions are made for 36 hours' publicity.

Yes, we are politicians as well as policy-makers, but we are also the trustees of the nation and I believe that in politics you should decide what is right and then decide the presentation, not the other way around. Unless this approach is changed, the government will not survive and will not deserve to survive.

It is a great change to return to the backbenches after 14 years in government, but I have always been proud to be a member of this House and not just a minister.

And today when I walked through Westminster Hall and up the stairs into the lobby, I felt exactly the same pride and excitement as when I first entered this House 21 years ago. I look forward with anticipation to the great parliamentary events and battles that lie ahead."

Party U-turns into trouble

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NORMAN Lamont did not allow Sir Norman Fowler and Richard Ryder, the chief whip, to escape from his net yesterday in his cryptic comments about the damaging influence of the "party managers".

The ex-Chancellor's friends suspect the Conservative party chairman contributed to his downfall by advising John Major that Mr Lamont had lost all credibility with voters.

While he was in 11 Downing Street, Mr Lamont is known to have resented the close relationship between the inmates of No 10 and No 12, the official homes of Mr Major and Mr Ryder.

"The government listens too much to the pollsters and the party managers," Mr Lamont complained yesterday. "The trouble is that they are not even very good at politics, and they are entering too much into policy decisions."

He criticised "too much short-termism, too much reacting to events, not enough shaping of events". The party gave the impression of being in office, but not in power.

Defending themselves against his claim of making "far too many important decisions for 36 hours' publicity", party sources justify the U-turns as inevitable when a government's majority can be wiped out by a handful of rebels. They also cite policy changes as proof of a "listening" prime minister.

But the impression, underlined by Mr Lamont yesterday and supported by many of his colleagues, is that the government changes tack when under pressure.

When the first damaging stories about the personal life of David Mellor appeared last summer, Mr Major refused to accept his resignation. Later, allegedly backed up by advice from Sir Norman and Mr Ryder, he accepted it.

The pit closures debacle was to follow. Mr Major backed Michael Heseltine's original announcement to close 31 pits. When Conservative voters rose in protest, a review was announced, followed later by a limited, expensive reprieve.

The regular Monday morning meetings at No 12 between party managers have become a key influence on the political week. Reports are made of "soundings" among Tory MPs and from constituencies of what the party will and will not "take". Hence the concessions eventually made on criminal law, school tests, rural post offices and rail privatisation.

Further changes have come on unit fines and pension ages, while a dispute continues over whether Rosyth or Devonport should be given the Trident refitting programme. Electoral disaster is likely in the community that loses the contract.

Correction

An interview with Professor Samuel Beer (June 8) wrongly referred to "the late Jo Grimond". We apologise to Lord Grimond for the error.

The sting in the tail

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with the centre-right. Michael Howard's eyes narrowed.

Even thus far into the speech it was clear that John Major did not know what was coming. At times he would smile nervily, or nod when his ex-Chancellor said something with which he could agree. Beside him, the new Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, grinned and nodded too. They seemed to think the worst was over.

And indeed the speech was nearly over. There had been the occasional glint of steel, but we had seen no knife. Then came the flash of an unsheathed blade. In effect Lamont told Major he had no direction and no guts. Poor John Major looked like a schoolboy unexpectedly singled out for a verbal lashing in assembly. The muscles around his mouth tugged awkwardly. Kenneth Clarke, whose face does not set easily to granite, achieved the appearance of a frozen pudding.

The backbencher beside me sat up. "Oh dear," he said.

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little doubt that he had come first to slay, and then bury his Caesar

Tory camps line up to do battle over Major

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, JILL SHERMAN AND SHEILA GUNN

THE two armed camps that make up the modern Conservative party were engaged in a new round of hand-to-hand fighting last night after Norman Lamont's pitiless ambush of the man who banished him from the Treasury.

Right-wingers in the vanguard of the sniping at John Major were in no doubt that Mr Lamont had hastened the prime minister's eventual demise. But the centre-left was scornful of the former Chancellor, saying his snide, petulant attack had damaged him far more than Mr major.

"It could all be summed up as 'I am bitter about being fired'," said one loyalist minister, contemptuously. Sir Peter Tapsell, one of the longest-serving and most respected backbenchers, but a thorn in Mr Major's side over Europe, was equally dismissive. Mr Lamont's personal statement to the Commons was the sour farewell of a disappointed man.

Right-wingers saw it very differently, saying that Mr Lamont had encapsulated their criticisms of Mr Major's lack of grip and his tendency to put short-term political gain before principle. An MP said: "He has articulated what many of us have been saying. The crown's in the gutter now."

One MP commented: "He (John Major) is in desperate, desperate trouble. And today, unfortunately, he fell further into the abyss."

Another said: "John Major sounded like a political clerk rather than a prime minister. Unless he behaves like a prime minister very soon he will not be one."

On one point both sides were agreed: Mr Lamont had winged the prime minister but with no prince in waiting ready to plunge in the dagger, MPs were uncertain of the next move in what one of their number has called their midsummer madness.

A loyalist member of the 1922 executive commented: "Any suggestion of a challenge to Mr Major's leadership this November is ludicrous. Some colleagues are just running around like headless chickens."

But a right wing member doubted that Mr Major had even 12 months probation. He drew a parallel between the criticism facing Mr Major and that facing Mrs Thatcher before her demise. "The attacks on both occasions are on the style of government," the MP said, and described Mr Major's performance as "disappointing". Mr Lamont had got it "about right" when he criticised Mr Major's short term reactive approach rather than going for the long term proactive strategy. "It was a missed opportunity. He could have set out his policies and principles."

One young Thatcherite said: "It's devastating, shattering, but not a knock-out blow." Another one-time supporter of the prime minister said: "It was not a fatal blow but there is no way he can now recover." A former cabinet minister also warned that Mr Major was in danger of running out of time. "If the Chancellor was sacked for lack of political skills, one wonders where the axe will fall next. With all prime ministers it is not a question of 'if' but 'when'. The 'when' seems to have come a little closer."

Mr Major was not without his supporters. Jerry Hayes, MP for Harlow, said: "I think it was very damaging but far more damaging to Mr Lamont and his credibility than to Mr Major. It was a spiteful and rather bitter speech which should not have been made. It appears that hell has no fury like a Chancellor scorned."

From the other side of the divide, Maastricht rebel Bill Walker suggested that Mr Major was sliding deeper into trouble. "I hope the government will acknowledge Mr Lamont's concerns, which many of us feel over the combination of policies and personalities. I don't think he has done John Major any good at all.

"When he reshuffled the government he missed an opportunity to bring in new faces and get his policy and presentation better. By not doing that he put his job on the line."

John Carlisle added: "It could be fatal in terms that no prime minister is infallible. It would not have helped his own position."

Mr Major was also under fire for reacting so precipitately to Mr Lamont's jibes and not rising above the fray. Senior backbenchers from both sides of the party agreed with Mr Lamont's comments about the government's poor presentation of policies.

They pointed to the pits debacle and comments from ministers about changes to the welfare state, such as prescription charges and hospital hotel charges before pen had even been put to paper on the public expenditure round.

Some backbenchers clearly thought that Mr Major had lost control of his own party. One senior backbencher said: He is in a difficult position. The party has got to be taken in hand. At the moment the '92 group is trying to run us. We can't let that happen. We have got to get rid of these factions otherwise we will sack everyone."

Mr Major could face a leadership challenge, he said. However it would be "a great mistake" if it happened. "The party has got to pull itself together and stop wondering how to change the prime minister."

SIMON WALKER



Class of '83: Mr Major was joined in Downing Street yesterday by some of the Tory winners from the 1983 election

City suspects base rate policy was at the mercy of No 10

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

NORMAN Lamont is not the first Chancellor to use his resignation speech to declare his support for an independent central bank. On a similar occasion not so long ago Nigel Lawson departed from the Thatcher cabinet expressing the same view.

It seems that it is perfectly normal, even *de rigueur*, for Chancellors to disagree on the most fundamental issues of the day with their prime ministers, but not to air those disagreements until they have been relegated to back benches.

In anyone's order of policy priorities, the debacle on the European exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) has to be ranked much more highly than the institutional standing of the Bank of England, an issue of stunning incomprehensibility and irrelevance to most voters. The most intriguing question is whether the fact that two recent Chancellors, both long-time Treasury men, chose to highlight the issue of central bank independence as they departed office points to widespread opposition to John Major on that issue within the Treasury.

What is certain is that the terms in which Mr Lamont couched his comments were strong enough to keep the issue of Mr Major's credibility and the argument for Bank of England independence a live one in the months to come.

Mr Lamont said *"Je ne regrette rien"* about Britain's humiliating exit from the ERM, a comment that probably cost him his job, but he then chose yesterday to disclose that his "greatest regret" was that, in the two and a half years he resided in No 11, he had failed to persuade the prime minister of his case.

In his comments yesterday, Mr Lamont said it was important that interest rate policy should not be determined by unfavourable political events. He may simply have been making the classic case for wresting control of monetary policy from politicians. But many in the City believe that such comments provide a glimpse of a man who had precious little control over policy, which was dominated by the political antennae of his prime minister.

The last base rate cut in January is a case in point. What should have been euphoria turned swiftly into dismay in the financial markets, as the City concluded that Mr Lamont had been overruled by the prime minister, who had ordered the rate cut from his tour of India, panicking about a run of depressing economic statistics that had included a large jump in unemployment.

All the rhetoric emerging from the Treasury in the week before the rate cut, including repeated statements from the Chancellor, suggested that officials were not keen on cutting interest rates again. When base rates were lowered to 6 per cent, exactly those economic statistics dismissed as historical the week before were cited as reasons.

From that moment on, Mr Lamont lost what credibility he had left after sterling's departure from the ERM. His comments yesterday could do as much for his prime minister.

If it is true, as Mr Lamont asserted, that Mr Major was guilty of reacting to short-term political events rather than economic realities, and cannot be trusted with running monetary policy, financial markets will continue to give the government the thumbs-down.

Brutus's dagger cuts deep

Yesterday's events will not precipitate an *immediate* leadership challenge, unlike November 1990, but Norman Lamont's remarks have undermined John Major's attempt to rebuild his political position.

When followed by John Smith's sharpest and wittiest attack since becoming Labour leader, and the prime minister's own inadequate reply, the result was to leave Mr Major floundering. As Mr Lamont said in the most devastating phrase of his statement, "we give the impression of being in office but not in power".

Mr Lamont was like a Brutus embracing his leader and then plunging in the dagger. It was a calculated, and unexpected, assault of which the government knew nothing until lunchtime yesterday.

Mr Lamont's statement was devastating in two ways: first, by showing that all the main economic decisions of the past two and a half years had been endorsed, if not initiated, by the prime minister; and, second, with criticisms of the way Mr Major takes decisions, which echo points recently made by the press and by Tory rightwingers in the Commons.

It is now impossible for Mr Major to distance himself from Mr Lamont as he sought to do in the reshuffle two weeks ago. Mr Lamont denied responsibility for the recession. That, he said, quite reasonably, originated in the boom of the late Thatcher-Lawson years and had started before he became Chancellor, when Mr Major himself held the post. Since then Mr Major had agreed with the decisions taken by his Chancellor. Thus the Lamont era was also the Major era.

Even where there had been differences, Mr Major opposed a suggestion by Mr Lamont last summer that Britain might temporarily suspend its membership of the ERM at some future date if recovery was threatened.

Yet the statement will mainly be remembered for its final remarks about listening too much to pollsters and party managers who are not very good at politics. Mr Lamont's criticisms of Mr Major, and implicitly also of Sir Norman Fowler, the party chairman, and Richard Ryder, the chief whip, for being too concerned with short-term horizons hit home. They appeared to confirm what commentators have been saying in recent weeks: that Mr Major and his close allies have no clear sense of political direction or strategy and are not in charge of where they are going.

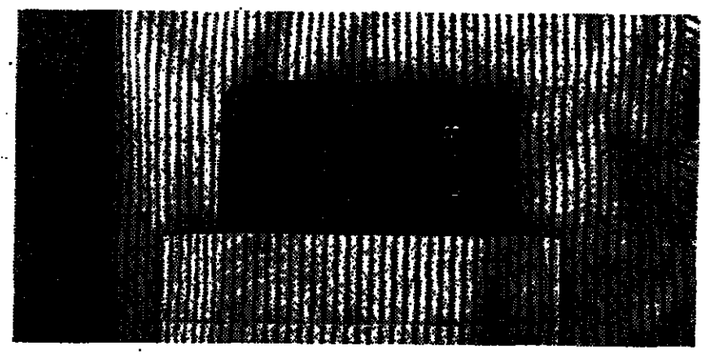
Tory MPs was last night muttering about the need for the prime minister to "get a grip", but that is not easy in the short-term. Further evidence of economic recovery will help, but the polls are likely to remain bad for some time. The Budget in late November is guaranteed to be unpopular. Mr Lamont laid down a marker by urging tough control over public spending and warning against further tax increases beyond the ones he had announced. That will be a rallying point for the Tory right but difficult to achieve in view of manifesto commitments on spending.

Paddy Ashdown was premature in saying that yesterday's events marked the beginning of the end of Mr Major's premiership. More likely is that his most testing time will come in a year, after the local and Euro-elections and when the Tories' Commons majority is likely to have fallen further after by-elections.

Mr Major is not yet doomed. Tory MPs are restless and worried rather than rebellious, but that will not last for ever. He has not even started to restore his political authority. He could be haunted by Mr Lamont's remarks about changing decision-making: "Unless this approach is changed, the government will not survive and will not deserve to survive."

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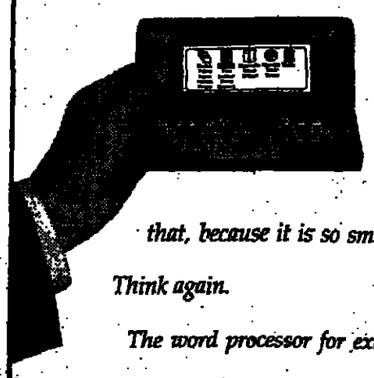
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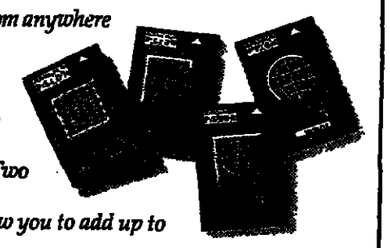
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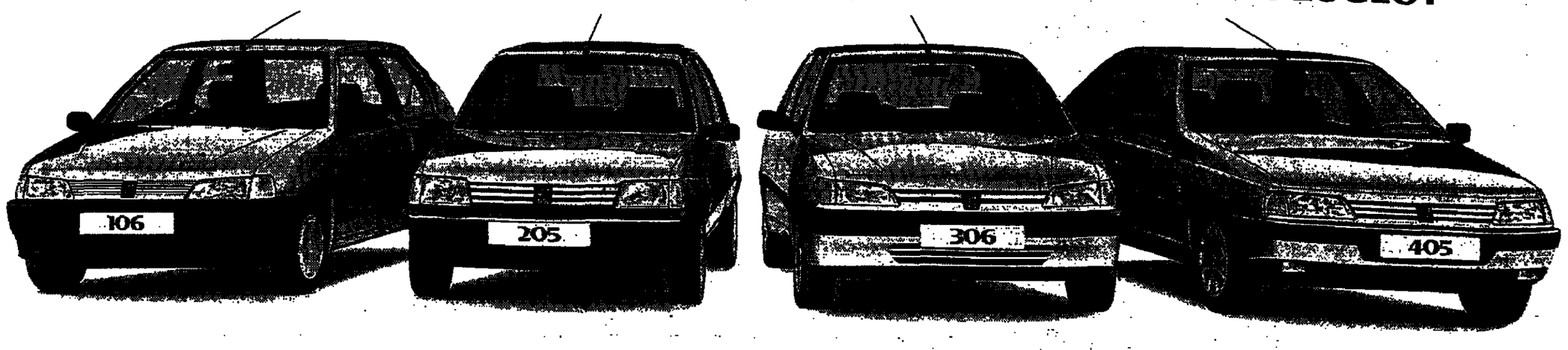
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First English literature paper condemned as narrow, simplistic, dull and unexciting

Boycott wrecks Patten's most criticised test for 14-year-olds

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

ENGLISH literature, the most controversial of the tests for 14-year-olds, was taken in only a handful of schools yesterday as the teachers' boycott showed no signs of fading.

Education authorities and unions expect the boycott of the test covering Shakespeare and other prescribed texts to be equally solid for mathematics, science and technology.

Opposition to yesterday's tests was the catalyst to all the unions' actions: teachers objected to the style of examination, with its emphasis on short answers, as well as to the workload involved in administering and marking the tests, and reporting the results.

English teachers, supported by many head teachers, school governors and parents, criticised the anthology of English literature, on which some questions were based, as too narrow. Many also objected to the decision not to set questions on Shakespeare for pupils considered to be below average for a 14-year-old.

A third of pupils, the less able, were to sit a test which allowed schools to choose from a separate list of stories, poems and plays. Candidates were asked to choose a character and "write down what you know about the place where this character lives or works". A later section asked pupils to describe the feelings expressed in a poem from the prescribed list.

Annie Barnes, the general secretary of the National Association of Teachers of English, said of the test for more able pupils: "The paper was less ludicrous than the specimen papers suggested, but it was very dull and simplistic and still distorted what children have been learning. It was certainly less stimulating than the sort of tests that would have been set for coursework."

Previous papers had featured "speech bubbles" in which candidates were asked to suggest dialogue for Shakespearean characters. Yesterday's revised tests were much more conventional.

The second of two papers lasted an hour, during which pupils were expected to write between 250 and 300 words. The paper for 14-year-olds of average ability offered four choices of subject matter, two of which were based on news pictures.

Adrian Noble, the artistic director of the Royal Shakespeare Company, said that the questions required pupils to use too little imagination. He said: "This rather arid form of testing could put a lot of children off Shakespeare's plays for life."

John Patten, the education secretary, is publishing all the test papers in an attempt to win over parents.

The National Union of Teachers published alternative questions by Professor Brian Cox, who chaired the working party which compiled the original English curriculum.

He suggested staging a dramatic presentation of the assassination scene in Julius Caesar, and discussing the issues before setting written questions. One would be: "You are a 14-year-old in ancient Rome on the Ides of March, 44 BC. Describe everything you see and hear, and offer your own comments on what you think is happening. You will not have had access to the Senate House, so the events will be only known to you on the basis of rumour as senators are seen running out of the building. Your account could be in the form of a letter home."

BARRY GREENWOOD

PUPILS WERE ASKED ...

Test of reading
(Tier 5-7)
Julius Caesar

SECTION A

You are advised to spend 20-25 minutes on this section. Read the passage carefully and answer questions 1-6 in the spaces provided. When this passage begins Antony has been speaking to the citizens for some time.

Antony: You will compel me then to read the will?
Then make a ring about the corpse of Caesar
And let me show you him that made the will.
Shall I descent? And you will give me leave? *(line 5)*
All: Come down.
2 Citizen: Descend.
3 Citizen: You shall have leave.

[Antony comes down from the pulpit].

4 Citizen: A ring, stand round.
1 Citizen: Stand from the hearse, stand from the body.
2 Citizen: Room for Antony, most noble Antony. *(line 10)*
Antony: Nay, press not so upon me, stand far off.
All: Stand back! Room, bear back!
Antony: If you have tears, prepare to shed them now.
You all do know this mantle. I remember
The first time ever Caesar put it on, *(line 15)*
'Twas on a summer's evening, in his tent,
That day he overcame the Nervii.
Look, in this place ran Cassius' dagger through:
See what a rent the envious Casca made:
Through this the well-beloved Brutus stabbed, *(line 20)*
And as he plucked his cursèd steel away,
Mark how the blood of Caesar followed it,
As rushing out of doors to be resolved
If Brutus so unkindly knocked or no,
For Brutus, as you know, was Caesar's angel. *(line 25)*
Judge, O you gods, how dearly Caesar loved him!
This was the most unkindest cut of all.
For when the noble Caesar saw him stab,
Ingratitude, more strong than traitors' arms,
Quite vanquished him.
Then burst his mighty heart, *(line 30)*
And, in his mantle muffling up his face,
Even at the base of Pompey's statue
(Which all the while ran blood) great Caesar fell.
O, what a fall was there, my countrymen!
Then I, and you, and all of us fell down, *(line 35)*
Whilst bloody treason flourished over us.
O, now you weep, and I perceive you feel
The dint of pity. These are gracious drops.
Kind souls, what weeps you when you but behold
Our Caesar's vesture wounded? Look you here, *(line 40)*
Here is himself, marred as you see with traitors.
1 Citizen: O piteous spectacle!
2 Citizen: O noble Caesar!
3 Citizen: O woeful day!
4 Citizen: O traitors, villains! *(line 45)*
1 Citizen: O most bloody sight!

QUESTIONS

1. When Antony says 'Let me show you him' (line 3) he does not intend immediately to reveal Caesar's body. What does he intend to show about Caesar? *(1 mark)*
2. When Antony comes down from the pulpit, how do the citizens treat him? *(1 mark)*
3. Explain how the expression 'plucked his cursèd steel away' (line 21) conveys the strength of Antony's feelings. *(2 marks)*
4. Referring to lines 25-30, explain what, according to Antony, caused Caesar's 'mighty heart' to burst (line 30). *(2 marks)*
5. Look at lines 42-46. Give two of the ways the citizens show they are affected by Antony's speech which ends at line 41. *(2 marks)*
6. Why do you think Antony is so successful in influencing the crowd? Refer closely to the passage to support your answer. *(4 marks)*

SECTION B

You are advised to spend 20-25 minutes on this section.

7. What does the play show us about the characters of Brutus and Cassius? Refer to the play in your answer.
(a) Brutus *(6 marks)*
(b) Cassius *(6 marks)*

One-year teacher training proposed

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION REPORTER

JOHN Patten tried to wrestle back the initiative in education yesterday with plans to reform the training of primary school teachers that would abandon the principle of an all-graduate profession.

Older people without a degree will be allowed to teach children aged up to seven after taking a new one-year course, under proposals published in a draft circular.

The education secretary's attempt to turn the spotlight away from the revolt against school tests provoked immediate protests. Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said: "What the government wants is teaching on the cheap at the expense of the future. It wants to turn the educational clock back decades."

Mr Patten told a London news conference that the quality of primary teacher training needed to be improved if education standards were to rise. Inspectors had questioned whether some young teachers were adequately prepared to teach pupils to read. There was concern about their knowledge in all national curriculum subjects. Mr Patten wants to encourage three-year education degrees in six subjects, to encourage teachers to work across the curriculum.

The one-year course would offer a route into teaching for mature people with the necessary academic qualifications for higher education and experience of working with young children, he said. These might include nursery nurses or parents who had helped in schools.

"There are some people who wish to think about teaching as a career, but who would find a three-year course rather daunting," he said. "It is those sorts of people who have got a couple of A-levels, some experience; maybe they have worked with children, they have been parents."

Mr Patten said the focus of initial teacher training should be on subject knowledge and practical skills, with students doing much training in the classroom. The new courses were easily parodied as a kind of "mum's army" in schools, but he insisted they would not lead to lower standards.

Poor questions and marking scheme promise odd results



Dr John Marenbon explains his objections to the English literature test that made him quit the committee behind it

WHAT makes yesterday's Key Stage 3 tests in English literature not merely unexciting, but unfair, is the way they are marked.

They must be marked by the candidates' teachers according to a rigid scheme which lays down which answers are correct. Since the questions are often poorly or oddly focused, and since most questions about literature can be answered well in a variety of ways, the result is that candidates will be judged less on their knowledge and understanding of the texts they have studied than on their ability to guess what answer the examiners have in mind.

Take Question 1: the answer required by the mark scheme is: "What kind of man Caesar was". A perfectly good response, this is not the *only* good one. A candidate might well think that the question required a rather longer answer, describing Caesar's good qualities; or he might take the question more concretely and reply: "The mantle that he wore".

Again, the mark scheme for Question 5 would give no credit for an acceptable answer such as, "They are moved to sympathise with Antony's view of Caesar and give him their support". Sometimes the judgments imposed by the mark scheme are very strange.

In Question 3, teachers are asked to give one mark out of two for either of two answers: "'Plucked his cursed steel away' is using strong language, to show how angry Antony is" (which simply repeats the question), or alternatively "The word 'steel' makes a sharp sound" (which is nonsense).

If they stray from the simplistic view of literature which dominates all these papers, they will lose marks.

Why, then, have intelligent and experienced examiners set such strangely unsatisfactory tests? The explanation lies in the National Curriculum Order for English. The order was designed with continuous teacher assessment in mind, not formal written tests. Formal tests have great merits, but not if they have to be based on a curriculum unsuited to them.

Moreover, the structure of the national curriculum, which breaks up subjects into discrete statements of attainment, grouped into a ten-level scale, is completely inappropriate for a subject such as English literature. It forces the examiners to set not the best questions on the texts, but rather those which test the abstract requirements of the national curriculum.

If John Patten, the education secretary, is to avoid a repetition of this year's embarrassments, he must not be content to tinker with the details and format of the tests; he must tackle the root of the problem, the over-comprehensive, over-complex national curriculum.

□ *Dr John Marenbon, fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, resigned as chairman of the English committee of the School Examinations and Assessment Council last month in protest at this paper.*



Testing pupils at Audenshaw, Greater Manchester

NEWS IN BRIEF

Care couple must give up nudism

Social works at Redbridge Council in Essex have agreed that a naturist couple can continue to foster children if they give up being nudists.

The decision came after it was learned that two teenage girls in the couple's care posed for nude photographs and were taken on naturist holidays.

The social workers said "it would do more harm than good" to remove six foster children from their care.

Looting case

Paul Westlake, 27, of Billericay, Essex, and Daniel Farminger, 18, of Southwark, south London, appeared before City of London magistrates accused of looting after the Bishopsgate bomb.

Dog strangled

Nancy Hawkins, 25, of Mitcham, Surrey, was ordered by Wimbledon magistrates to do 180 hours community service for strangling her pet puppy after it defecated on her bathroom floor.

Tree saved

Salisbury council has put a six-month preservation order on a 1,500-year-old yew in the churchyard of St Mary's in Alderbury, Wiltshire, after church authorities wanted to fell it for safety reasons.

Bosnia appeal

Christopher Colton, the surgeon who operated on the Prince of Wales's arm two years ago, has launched an appeal to raise £10,000 for Bosnian refugees.

Men held

Oxford police are questioning three men in connection with the shooting of Kingsley Sam, 24, outside his girl friend's Oxford home on Monday night.

Boy killed

Liam Hymes, 9, of Bellingham, south London, died instantly when he sat on a live rail track while playing.

Estate agent kept in box during 'chilling' kidnap

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A JURY sat spellbound yesterday as it heard the "chilling and remarkable" account of the eight-day kidnap ordeal of Stephanie Slater, a Birmingham estate agent, at the hands of Michael Sams, the alleged killer of the Leeds teenager Julie Dart in July 1991.

Mr Sams, said to have played a "catch me if you can" game with the police, had meticulously planned the perfect crime, Nottingham Crown Court was told.

After threatening Miss Slater, then 25, with a knife, he took her to the converted pub in Newark, Nottinghamshire, which he used as a workshop for his tool repair business. There she was chained, blindfolded, gagged and squeezed into a coffin-shaped box, which was then slid into a wheelie-bin lying on its side, Richard Wakerley QC, for the prosecution, told the court. A chain linking her handcuffs was tied to a bar above her. Sams warned her there were boulders over her head which would come crashing down is she pulled, said Mr Wakerley. Mr Sams told Miss Slater he had set up an electrical circuit to the box and if she moved she would be electrocuted. He also rigged up a passive infra-red device to detect any movement in the premises and stop any possible bid for freedom, said Mr Wakerley.

"You may think it is doubtful that any words can express what he did to that young girl," Mr Wakerley said.

Mr Sams, 51, of Sutton on Trent, Nottinghamshire, admits kidnapping Miss Slater in January 1992, unlawfully imprisoning her and demanding £175,000 with menaces from her then employers, Shipways Estate Agents, of Birmingham.

He denies murdering Julie Dart in July 1991, kidnapping her, two charges of demanding £140,000 with menaces from Leeds police and also demanding £200,000 with menaces from British Rail.

Paying tribute to Miss Slater, Mr Wakerley said she had the "ability and courage" to keep her head, realising "quite literally that her life was in his hands".

"You may think that many of us would have gone to pieces," he said. But by obeying Mr Sams, talking to him, establishing a rapport and getting him to trust her, she showed remarkable courage and made it very difficult for him to kill her in cold blood.

"She did what the prosecution says that Julie Dart could not do and it worked. It worked because perhaps he was flattered by the fact that she showed how dependent she was on him and could not understand why she was so calm."

Julie Dart, left, and Stephanie Slater

Mr Wakerley said Mr Sams's first ransom plot involving Julie Dart went wrong and he killed her. The unemployed 18-year-old had turned to prostitution and was seen soliciting in the Chapeltown area of Leeds on July 9, 1991. A farmer found her naked body ten days later in a field beside the A1 near Grantham, Lincolnshire.

He described the kidnap of Miss Slater in gripping detail, saying she was lured to a property she thought she was showing to a bona fide customer. But she ended up being forced into the bath, having a noose placed around her neck, being blindfolded, gagged and threatened with a knife and a chisel. In January 1992, her then employers, Shipways, received a telephone call from a man calling himself Bob Southwell — actually Mr Sams — who said he was interested in buying a property in Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands. Later, he collected particulars of the property, disguising himself with glasses and make-up. Latex around his eyes to alter the complexion of his face, and changing his hair colour, said Mr Wakerley. It was arranged that Miss Slater would show him round the house on January 22, 1992. Sams was already there when she arrived, his car parked round the back out of sight, the windows blacked out and stencilled writing on the sides to make it look like a van, said Mr Wakerley. In the house, Mr Sams tricked her into stepping into a bathroom. "She turned round and he was now wearing gloves. He had a knife in one hand and what looked like a chisel in the other. His purpose was revealed," said Mr Wakerley. "But he overpowered her. He pushed her into the bath and attacked her. He then tied her hands together with some washing line and put dark glasses on her so that she could not see him," said Mr Wakerley.

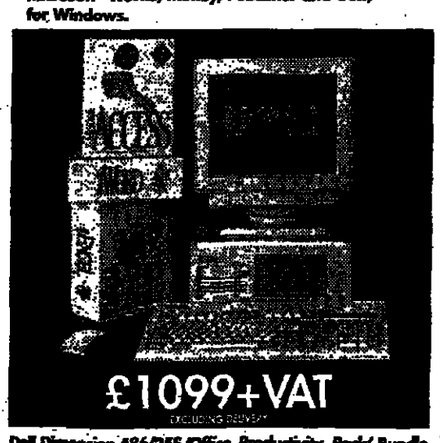
"He got a loop of another piece of washing line and put it around her neck. He then told her to get out of the bath and, with the noose around her neck, led her downstairs. He blindfolded her with her own scarf and gagged her. He tied her legs together so that she could scarcely walk, all the time threatening her with the knife," Mr Wakerley said. He then took her to his car. "He covered her with a blanket and put a heavy box on her stomach to keep her down. A knife was held to her stomach," said Mr Wakerley.

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Regional trends survey: from facts of life to figures of death, statistics reveal the Britain of today

Women turn to parenting in their forties

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT



Fertile in their forties: actresses Felicity Kendal, Patricia Hodge and Jane Asher are the celebrity face of a growing trend towards older mothers, especially in London

THE fertile forties have arrived for many women in southeast England, with an increase in babies being born to mothers at an age when many of their contemporaries have teenage children or are already grandmothers.

The rate of births to mothers aged 40 or over is highest in Greater London and Northern Ireland and is double the overall figure for the UK, according to the latest snapshot of the facts of life throughout the country.

Many women delay having children until they are settled into a career, but the increase in the rate of births to the over-forties in the South East and particularly Greater London has surprised statisticians working on the 1993 issue of *Regional Trends*. While the rate of births among these women in the rest of the country has remained virtually unchanged since 1981, it has almost doubled in London. Ten out of every 1,000 live births in London in 1991 were to women over 40, compared with six in 1991.

Jenny Church, editor of *Regional Trends*, said: "The age of child bearing has been rising, but I think we must look at this as something of a phenomenon. Two things are at work. There is a growth in people beginning second families with new partners and probably some women are postponing starting a family even longer."

The high rate of births to mothers over 40 in Northern Ireland is explained by generally larger family size and the almost 40 per cent of the population who are Roman Catholics.

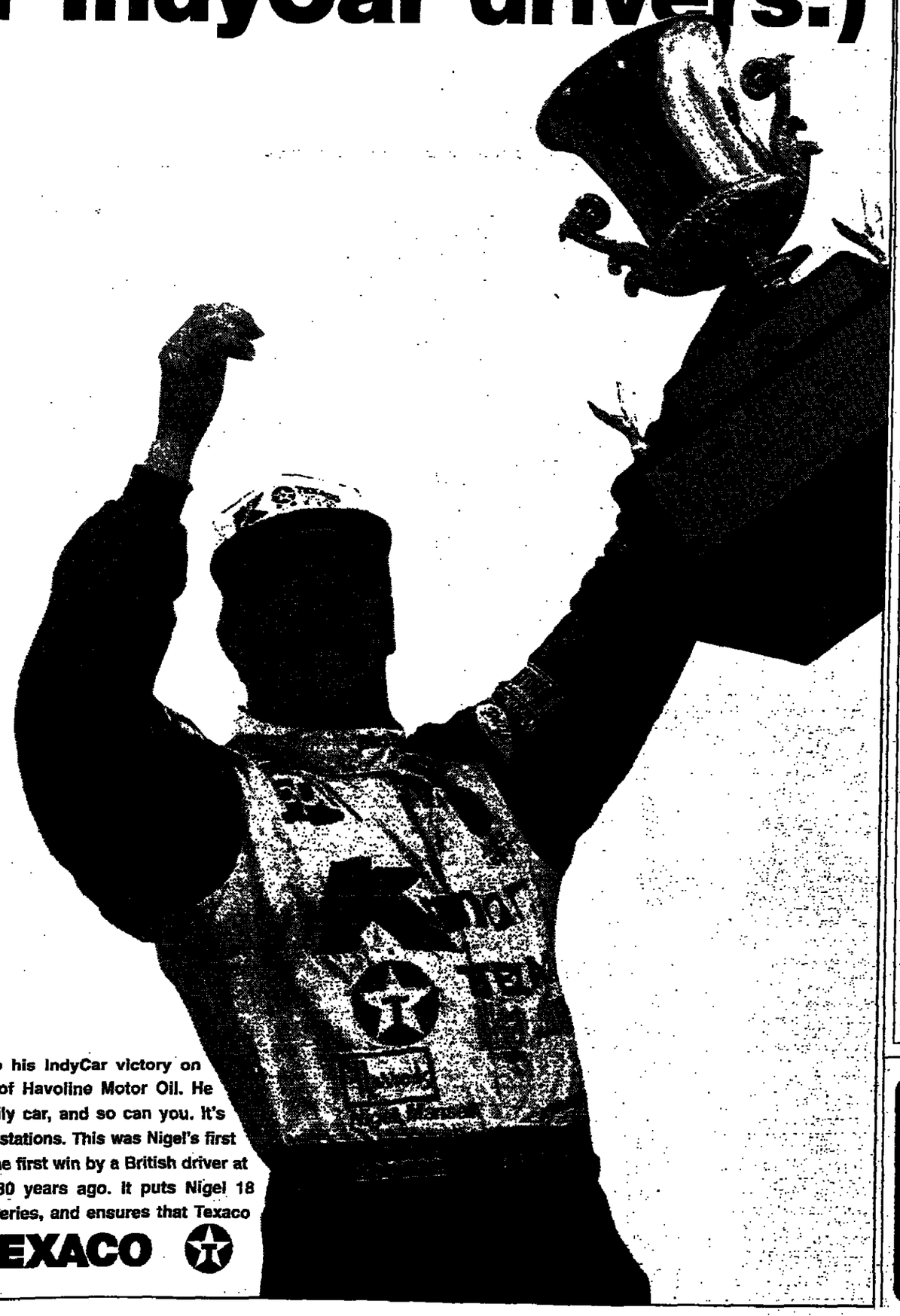
The survey also shows that 30 per cent of babies are born outside marriage, soaring to 80 per cent for those under 24, and many women are delaying starting families until they are in their late twenties. The average age for a woman having her first baby rose in 1981-91 from 26.9 to 27.6 years, the highest figure for 30 years.

Those who do marry are doing so later in life. Despite one in three marriages ending in divorce, break-ups do not put people off trying again for wedded bliss. The number of marriages was lower in 1990 than in 1991 in all regions except for East Anglia. The number fell from 459,600 in 1971 to 375,400 in 1990 but the proportion of remarriages, where one or both parties were remarrying, rose from 35 per cent of all marriages in 1981 to 37 per cent in 1991.

In England and Wales, the average age at marriage in 1981 was 24.1 years for bachelors and 21.9 for spinsters, compared in 1991 with 26.5 and 24.6 respectively. For 1981-91, live births outside marriage have soared from one in eight to almost one in three of all births.

The under-20s have the largest proportion of births outside marriage, over four in five, but the 20- to 30-year-olds produced the biggest increase. Of births to women under 20, 83 per cent are outside marriage. In the North, the figure rises to 88 per cent; in the North West, 87.8 per cent. In the age range 20-24, it is 44 per cent of the UK.

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Hard times narrow North-South divide

BY OUR HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE United Kingdom's regional identities are being undermined by greater mobility and the ravages of recession, according to the latest snapshot of life across the country.

However, the steady drift towards a more homogeneous society has failed to eradicate all the stereotypes that were once the hallmark of regional differences. This is particularly true of the North-South divide.

For example, men in Greater London still work shorter hours and earn more than anywhere else in the UK.

The image of northerners as the nation's hardest drinkers remains undented: the North has the lowest percentage of teetotal men while it and the North West have the largest proportion of men who drink alcohol above the recommended limit.

The people of Yorkshire and Humberside eat more fish cakes and biscuits than any other region while those of the East Midlands consume the most milk and processed cream.

People in the South West, where there is the highest proportion of people over retirement age, eat the most cheese; those in the west Midlands have the lowest consumption of fruit; and the Welsh eat the most potatoes, sugar and preserves and drink the most tea. Alison Holding, associate editor of the latest issue of *Regional Trends*, published today, said: "The recession has been quite a leveller. It has affected different parts of the country in very different ways.

"The regional distinctions are not as great as might be expected."

The narrowing of differences is shown most starkly in the proportion of people out of work. In 1981 it stood at 11.7 per cent in the North and 5.5 per cent in the South East, but at the start of 1993 the figures were respectively 12.1 per cent and 10.5 per cent.

Although the North has the highest proportion of terraced housing, home ownership had risen by almost a third to 61 per cent in 1991.

Birth rates also show fewer regional variations, with rates falling in all regions.

Infant mortality rates for 1971-1991 show a similar narrowing of differences. In 1971 there were 19.9 deaths per 1,000 births in the East Midlands and 14.8 per 1,000 in the South East.

By 1991, the gap had narrowed to 8.6 and 6.3 respectively.

All parts of the country have roughly the same percentage of people employed in professional occupations and in unskilled occupations.

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'Lost' raft explorer reports: all's well

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

TIM Severin, the Anglo-Irish adventurer trying to cross the Pacific on a replica 3rd century BC Chinese raft, is alive and well and making for Japan.

The news has delighted friends and family who were becoming increasingly concerned for the *Xin Fu* and its mainly British crew after they failed to arrive in Taiwan on Sunday.

Mr Severin, who left Hong Kong for the Americas on May 13, had originally planned to arrive in Taiwan about a week later, but blustery weather forced the crew to spend long hours each day tacking.

In addition, the satellite communications system failed, forcing the crew to relay position reports via short wave radio to passing ships.

Yesterday's report, sent to the *Negros Victory* by Mr Severin, said: "All's well on board."

He reported the *Xin Fu's* position as 24 degrees 58 minutes north, 123 degrees 52 minutes east and "heading for Miyako Islands or Okinawa", which are Japanese owned.



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Fossilised weevil brings Jurassic Park closer to reality

Analysis of a tiny insect from the Levant has revealed a scientific truth as strange as Steven Spielberg's latest fiction

BY NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS have for the first time extracted the genetic material from an insect which lived during the time of the dinosaurs, echoing the plot of *Jurassic Park*, the new Steven Spielberg film.

The DNA, the protein which carries the genetic blueprint of an organism, has been taken from a weevil that lived 120 to 135 million years ago during the Cretaceous period.

It was extracted from the insect's mummified remains, which were found near the towns of Jezzin and Dar al Baidha in Lebanon, by a team of biologists led by Raul Cano of California Polytechnic State University.

There is no suggestion that the weevil, a new species, will allow genetic engineers to reconstruct a dinosaur. In the Spielberg film the genetic codes are taken from blood found in an insect which fed on dinosaurs. However, the possibility of finding such a blood-sucking insect from the age of the dinosaurs now appears more likely.

Some researchers, including George Poinar, professor of entomology at the University of California, believe that, as in the film, a living dinosaur may one day be engineered from its ancient, preserved genetic code. The extracted DNA would be inserted into an egg of a living reptile to create a long-extinct creature.

The weevil's genetic material, taken from a creature so old, brings the possibility a step closer. Genetic material has now been extracted from the remains of several animals including the quagga, a zebra-like creature which became extinct in the 19th century. DNA has also been taken from a human bone 5,500 years old.

The extraction of the weevil's DNA marks a significant milestone, pushing back the age of extracted genetic material by 80 million years. Before yesterday's announcement, made in the journal *Nature*, the oldest DNA extracted was from a goat that lived 40 million years ago.

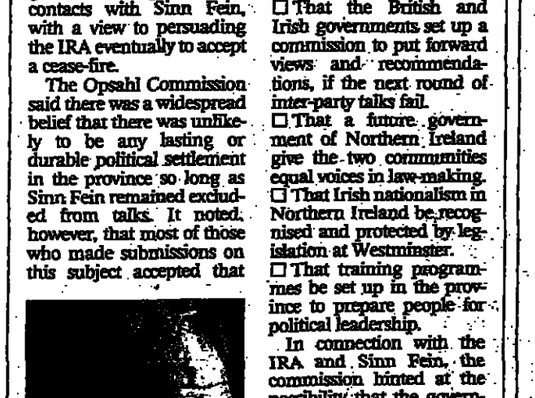
Scientists at the American Museum of Natural History and Yale University announced last September they had extracted genetic material from a termite of about the same age. Like the weevil, it had been trapped in amber. A 20 million-year-old fossilised magnolia leaf, found in Idaho, has also yielded DNA.

Nuclear weapons experts at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Berkeley, California, are in the process of using special scanners to examine the foetus in a fossilised dinosaur egg, which may carry well-preserved DNA.

The news came as scientists, including Professor James Watson, gathered in Cambridge yesterday at the site of the old Cavendish Laboratory to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the discovery of the double helix structure of DNA.

When Professor Watson and Professor Francis Crick announced their findings in 1953, few could have foreseen the implications. Since then the discoveries have helped scientists to gain powerful new insights into issues ranging from inherited disease and humanity's lineage to migration patterns.

Researchers at Newcastle University and New York State University recently produced a racial map of Britain based on an analysis of genetic codes. The 14 areas reflect the nation's ancient past when lands were colonised by Vikings and other invaders and groups such as the Celts were pushed to the westerly fringes. For example, people in the Lake District were found to be closely related to the people of Norway, the original home of the Vikings.



In the beginning: James Watson, left, and Francis Crick in the Cavendish Laboratory in 1953

'Vox pop' urges Sinn Fein talks

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A YEAR-long citizens' enquiry into ways forward in Northern Ireland recommended yesterday that the government begin informal contacts with Sinn Fein, with a view to persuading the IRA eventually to accept a cease-fire.

The Opsahl Commission said there was a widespread belief that there was unlikely to be any lasting or durable political settlement in the province so long as Sinn Fein remained excluded from talks. It noted, however, that most of those who made submissions on this subject accepted that



Opsahl: suggests informal contact

before the party could take its seat at the negotiating table, it would have to renounce its justification of violence.

The 464-page report with its 25 recommendations has been prepared by a seven-member commission led by Professor Torkel Opsahl, the Norwegian human rights lawyer. It has collected written and oral views from about 3,000 people across Northern Ireland.

The object of the initiative, which was funded mainly by three charitable trusts, was to stimulate public debate about ways forward in the province. Among the central recommendations, which the commissioners said should be seen as no more than ideas for debate, are:

☐ That the British and Irish governments set up a commission to put forward views and recommendations, if the next round of inter-party talks fail.

☐ That a future government of Northern Ireland give the two communities equal voices in law-making.

☐ That Irish nationalism in Northern Ireland be recognised and protected by legislation at Westminster.

☐ That training programmes be set up in the province to prepare people for political leadership.

In connection with the IRA and Sinn Fein, the commission hinted at the possibility that the government's long-established hard line against what it views as two wings of the same movement may no longer reflect thinking in many areas of Northern Ireland society.

The commission argued that, given the "widespread agreement" in the submissions that a lasting peace required the participation of Sinn Fein, the government should end its policy of marginalising the party, which played into the hands of those advocating the use of violence.

After the document was launched in Belfast, the Democratic Unionist Party whose members largely boycotted the process, called it "utterly repugnant to the unionist community". The Alliance Party said the commission was expressing ideas on constitutional issues and on ending violence which were "dangerously naive". Sinn Fein acknowledged that there were aspects it could agree with but claimed the report implicitly endorsed partition.

Short trains body and mind for title

BY NICHOLAS WATT

NIGEL Short has embarked on a rigorous training programme in America to prepare for *The Times* World Chess Championship, which takes place in London in the autumn.

The schedule precludes Britain's leading chess player from competing in any contests before September's encounter with Garry Kasparov. Short will undergo a physical fitness programme and study past games played by his opponent and other leading players.

Michael Stean, Short's manager, said: "Nigel and his trainer Lubosh Kavalek have drawn up detailed research on his own games and opponents' from computer recordings. They will use them to examine techniques."

During his stay in Virginia, Short will not be glued to the chess board, Mr Stean said. "The endurance of the championship demands fitness and the exercise will clear his head during the training. It is well known that in 1972 Fischer and Spassky would not play at a venue without tennis courts and a swimming pool."

He said that few British chess players benefited from such a high level of training. "Nigel won sponsorship from Eagle Star, which provided him with three years of training. It is an impediment to British chess that other players do not have access to such leading trainers. There are many talented British players. Given the resources, they could do as well."

Mr Stean said that rigorous training was the key to the success of players from the former Soviet Union. "The quality of their preparation is legendary and explains their dominance of the game."

Kasparov heads off to his training camp at Podolsk, near Moscow, today. Andrew Page, his manager, said yesterday: "Garry will stay there until the last part of June before visiting his wife in Helsinki. He will then go to a secret location near the sea with three of four trainers where he will put the finishing touches to his new ideas, which promise to be lethal."

☐ As Short settled down to his second day of training in Virginia, the Lords and Commons chess teams last night commenced battle at Westminster for a trophy won last year by the Lords.

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

THE recent Munich tournament resulted in a great triumph for the Latvian grandmaster Shirov, who clearly has his eyes set on a challenge to Kasparov's throne in the near future. In the game which follows his uncompromising and original style entangles the black pieces on the queen's wing and leads to a decisive win of material.

White: Alexei Shirov
Black: Christopher Lutz
Munich 1993

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	Nc6
6	Bg5	e6
7	Qd2	a6
8	0-0-0	h6
9	Be3	Be7
10	f3	Nxd4
11	Bxd4	e5
12	Be3	Be6
13	g4	Qa5
14	a3	b5
15	h4	b4
16	Nd5	Bxd5
17	exd5	Rb8
18	Kb1	Bd8
19	axb4	Rxb4
20	Qc3	0-0
21	Bd2	Ra4
22	b4	Qc7
23	Kb2	Nxd5
24	Qxc7	Bxc7
25	Kb3	Nb6
26	Be3	a5
27	c3	axb4
28	Bxb6	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



a b c d e f g h

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Munich Tournament

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1	Shirov A	Latvia	*	½	1	½	½	1	1	0	1	1	1	½	8
2	Gelfand B	Belarus	½	*	½	½	1	½	1	½	½	1	½	½	7½
3	Gurevich M	Belgium	0	½	*	1	½	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	7
4	Adams M	UK	½	½	0	*	1	½	1	1	½	½	½	½	6½
5	Bareev E	Russia	½	0	½	0	*	1	1	½	0	1	1	1	6½
6	Lutz C	Germany	0	½	1	½	0	*	½	½	1	½	½	1	6
7	Yusupov A	Russia	0	0	1	0	½	½	*	1	½	½	½	1	5
8	Hartneck G	Germany	1	0	0	0	½	½	0	*	½	½	½	1	4½
9	Hubner R	Germany	0	½	0	½	1	0	½	½	*	0	½	1	4½
10	Lobron E	Germany	0	½	0	½	0	½	½	½	1	*	½	0	4
11	Lautier J	France	0	0	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	*	½	3½
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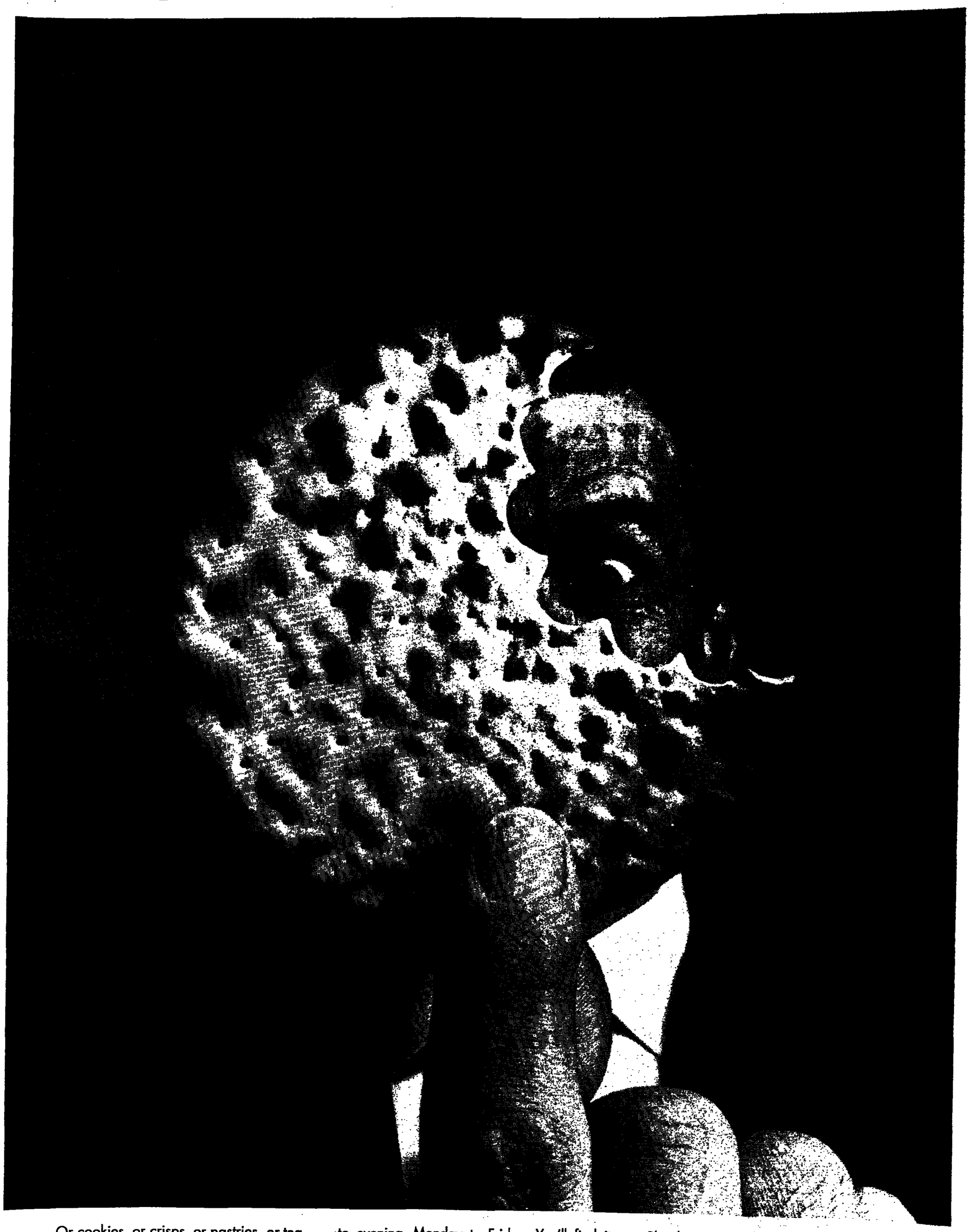
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Smith puts pressure on Major

'Inept' government accused of betraying its promises

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

■ "The man with the non-Midas touch is in charge," John Smith told MPs in yesterday's debate on the economy

A FEROCIOUS attack from John Smith on a "discredited government" led by a "discredited prime minister" opened the key Commons debate on the economy yesterday afternoon.

With the chamber still buzzing with excitement after Norman Lamont's dramatic resignation speech, the leader of the Opposition delighted his back-benchers with a portrait of a government "consistently incompetent, hopelessly accident-prone, foolishly inept".

He condemned the government's "low ambition" for the country and, to the obvious discomfort of Tory backbenchers, warned the prime minister that the Tory party's notorious "men in grey suits" now had him in their sights.

Referring to the recent controversy over a gift by Michael Mates, the Northern Ireland minister, to the businessman Asil Nadir, Mr Smith suggested the party bosses might send him a watch. "It seems to be a coded message that it's time for an early and swift departure," he said.

Earlier in his speech Mr Smith had paid a tribute to the "dignity" of the former Chancellor's statement and said people would "remember for some time his reference to being in office but not in power". Mr Lamont had given a "revealing insight" into the style of the Major government, he said.

In the main part of his speech, the Labour leader concentrated much of his fire on the "cynical betrayal" of pledges made by the Conservative party during the election campaign. The prime minister had promised tax cuts "year upon year", he said, but had raised tax by a "staggering" £17.5 billion in the first Budget after the election. "We know how sincere those promises were," Mr Smith said.

The tax hikes had been made necessary by the "parlous state" of the nation's public finances, which the country had not been told the full truth about before the election, Mr Smith said.

Tax increases were being targeted on the most vulnerable in society through VAT on domestic fuel and the increase in national insurance contributions. The government had inflicted a "triple whammy" of VAT, higher national insurance and frozen tax allowances on the British people. Promises from the government to upgrade social benefits to compensate for VAT on fuel would bring "no relief for millions of families and pensioners just above income support level," he said.

What difference was there between an increase in national insurance and adding 1p to income tax, Mr Smith asked. "There is a difference ... national insurance hits the lower paid harder."

Public spending cuts being secretly planned would "gravely undermine public services vital to the well being of millions of our fellow citizens". Responding to Tory backbench accusations of scare-mongering, Mr Smith said it was not "the nasty Labour party" that was "cruelly and maliciously" misleading the public but the government itself. "What scares the country is not what the Labour party predicts ... it's what this government is capable of doing."

Mr Smith also highlighted the string of recent government public relations disasters, to an increasingly raucous back-ground of scarcely controlled laughter from his back-benchers. "Not even the most inventive and ruthless scaremonger would have had the audacity to allege that any government could be so consistently incompetent, so hopelessly accident prone, so foolishly inept."

Listing some of the government's "recent triumphs", ranging from Black Wednesday to the "botched reshuffle", Mr Smith said the plot would be rejected as "hopelessly over the top" by the makers of *Yes, Prime Minister* and would be even too much for *Some Mother's Do 'Ave 'Em*. "The tragedy for us all is that it is really happening," he said. "It is fact, not fiction. The man with the non-Midas touch is in charge. No wonder we live in a country where the Grand National doesn't start and the hotels fall into the sea."

Mr Smith attacked the "aggressive, bullying and dogmatic obstinacy" of the government, citing the "ham-handed and arrogant" introduction of national curriculum testing."

The government had run down Britain's industrial base, creating "an intolerable level of unemployment". No wonder a recent poll of top industrialists found that 90 per cent felt the government had "no clearly defined industrial policy", he said. What was needed was a new approach to tackling unemployment.

"The British people deserve a better government," Mr Smith said. "They dislike intensely the concoction of betrayal, incompetence and dogmatism which are the characteristics of the present occupants of the Treasury team." The people of Britain did not want a low-wage, sweatshop economy, but a high skilled, high tech, high wage economy "able to compete and succeed on the basis of our ability and the quality of our products."

Embattled prime minister appeals to right of party

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

JOHN Major battled to steady Tory nerves yesterday with a vigorous attempt to appease the party's right wing over Britain's future in the European exchange-rate mechanism.

The prime minister was forced to concentrate on internal troubles threatening to damage his own party irreparably rather than embark on a straightforward battle with John Smith across the despatch box.

Less than an hour after Norman Lamont had delivered his wounding condemnation of government policy, the prime minister was also forced to respond to some of his former Chancellor's main criticisms of economic policy.

Mr Major's speech was massively overshadowed by Mr Lamont's attack which silenced Tory MPs and left jubilant Opposition members constantly shouting down the prime minister. But he fought to rally backbench support with words clearly aimed at allaying growing fears among Tory MPs that Kenneth Clarke, the new Chancellor, might press forward with early re-entry to the ERM.

Having previously avoided firm predictions of Britain's future involvement in the ERM, Mr Major gave his most detailed outline of plans for re-entry. "We would need greater convergence between the monetary policies appropriate for all the Community economies and we would also need to be satisfied that the system would be operated to the benefit of all its members," he said.

"In January I made clear these circumstances would not apply this year. I now doubt that they would apply for some years ahead and possibly not in this Parliament." He insisted that economic developments in the EC had vindicated his decision to seek an opt-out of the single currency at Maastricht.

"The EC economies have diverged and not converged. As we come out of recession, our main partners are heading into a recession. Some of our European partners remain keen on early monetary union, although I'm bound to say many of their central banks are less keen. But even the keenest must now see the difficulties. The criteria for monetary union will simply not be met.

"When I was negotiating at Maastricht, the idea of a monetary union in 1997 looked ambitious, perhaps even a little dubious. I have to say to the House it looks wholly unrealistic today. The economies of Europe are not remotely ready for one currency throughout the 12, soon to be 16, and I believe will not be, if ever, for many years.

"That is not an anti-European view. It is simply that I do not believe the economic circumstances will be right, and if they are not right then the damage to the Community of proceeding would be profound." It would be an "economic mistake" if some EC partners went ahead prematurely, and Britain would not go with them, Mr Major said. The prime minister's words were welcomed by Sir Peter Tapsell, Tory MP for Lindsey E and a persistent opponent of the ERM. Mr Major responded to Labour jeers: "I am delighted to have a party at ease with itself."

Forced to reply to Mr Lamont's earlier call for an independent Bank of England, Mr Major said: "Were a way to be found to get the benefits of an independent central bank without a loss of parliamentary accountability, my views would be closer to yours. I do not believe an independent central bank would have brought down inflation any more rapidly than we have been able to achieve."

"We were not prepared in the government to allow short-term difficulties to deflect the government from what were the right long-term policies for this country. That was the position and it is the position."

Addressing Mr Lamont, Mr Major added: "I acknowledge the difficulties you have faced and the courage with which you have faced those difficulties, and I accept the support you have offered to the government for the future."

Mr Major turned to the issue of the public spending review being carried out by the Treasury and which he said would by governed by two criteria. "Are any changes fair, and are vulnerable people protected? When the answer is 'No', we will not make the changes." But he warned MPs: "There are no soft options. The government's duty is to examine them all and pick the right ones."

The prime minister attacked Mr Smith for failing to keep to a consistent policy. "Which is the real John Smith? The gritty, determined facer of problems who wants to examine everything, or the wriggler, twisting, saying one thing to one audience and another thing to another audience?"

Labour was a party "without policies, without principle, and it will remain, in the short and the long term, a party without power".



SIMON WALKER

Caroline Morris, 11, joins a deputation of sick children in presenting a petition to 10 Downing Street yesterday, opposing education cuts. The petition coincided with the launch of a new National Association for the Education of Sick Children

Clarke fuels fears of tax rises

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

KENNETH Clarke yesterday fuelled backbench Conservative fears of tax increases in the autumn by ruling out politically sensitive spending cuts.

In a speech and interviews, the Chancellor made it clear that he was opposed to imposing hotel charges on hospital patients or depriving pensioners of free prescriptions. He dismissed them as "corny old rubbish" and said that he would not be introducing "all those old chestnuts I heard of when I was health secretary".

Both ideas have been floated recently by the Treasury as part of Michael Portillo's spending review to the dismay of many moderate Tory MPs. They will be relieved that Mr Clarke has rejected such ideas, but there will be widespread concern on the right of the party that in the absence of swingeing spending cuts, more tax increases could be in the pipeline.

That concern surfaced immediately in Norman Lamont's Commons statement on his sacking as Chancellor. He said: "We don't want more tax increases, we need tight control of public spending."

Mr Portillo, the Treasury chief secretary, and John Major have been careful not to rule out any options in the spending review, covering short-term and long-term trends, and Mr Clarke's remarks yesterday appeared to raise a question mark over the extent of the review. Some leading Tories said that it was a mistake to rule out options in a spending review because that invited more questions seeking to flush out the areas under close scrutiny.

Mr Clarke insisted the government would stand by its manifesto commitments. In a speech to the press gallery at Westminster, he described himself as "pretty hawkish" on public spending but said he was not interested in dismantling the welfare state.

He said he had worked closely with Mr Major for many years and they shared the same political instincts. "If you have John Major's opinions, you have my opinions. I am sure he is going to lead this party for many years.

"I really think those people attacking John Major would attack me with even more vigour on most of the issues that trouble them."

Responding to press reports that he is planning a 2p in the pound increase in income tax, Mr Clarke said that such speculation was "absurd", while not closing off the option in the way that Mr Lamont would have wanted. "I have, at this stage, absolutely no idea of tax proposals I will be making in November."

Mr Clarke said he had not spoken about income tax to any minister, not even the prime minister. "My task is to make sure that our borrowing is at a correct and healthy level and that public finances are put into a healthier state."

AROUND THE LOBBY

Guide for critics under fire

Health workers worried about poor patient care and who go to the press unjustifiably face disciplinary action, according to a government charter for whistle-blowers.

The long-awaited guidelines, published yesterday, are aimed at allowing workers to criticise poor standards in their hospitals. However, the guide was dismissed as "toothless" and a "gagger's charter" by health service unions. Dawn Primarolo, shadow health minister, urged Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, to fund a confidential hotline for worried staff.

Godly Scots

John McFall, Labour spokesman on Scotland, accused ministers of ignoring Christian values in handling social policy and urged them to emulate the Good Samarhan. Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Scottish minister, had told the Commons that church attendance in Scotland was "very substantial".

Lang on line

Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, was told by Labour and the Liberal Democrats that he should put his job on the line over the future of the Rosyth dockyard. He had promised earlier: "I shall lose no opportunity to make sure that every argument in favour of Rosyth is advanced."

Water wait

There will be a surprise when the government's plans for the water industry in Scotland are announced in a few weeks, Sir Hector Monro, a junior Scottish Office minister, said. His comment sparked speculation that ministers had abandoned privatisation as an option.

Hit for six

Baroness Cumberlege, health minister, told the Lords that the thought of six babies at once was an anathema as she responded over the case of sextuplets born to an unmarried mother after treatment.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: agriculture; prime minister. Debate on press. Lords (3): Education bill, report.

Ashdown predicts the end of PM's reign

BY JONATHAN PRYNN AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

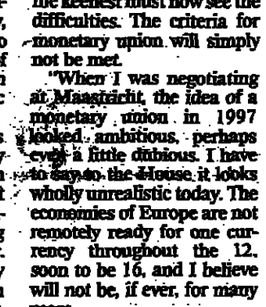
PADDY Ashdown seized on the words of Norman Lamont as signalling the end of John Major's reign as prime minister.

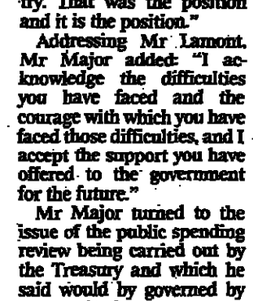
"I believe that what we have heard and seen this afternoon is nothing less than the beginning of the end of your premiership. I say that not because of the lack of success of your speech. I have to tell you that if you had bothered to turn round you would have seen your fate indelibly written on the members of the benches behind you."

He said the speeches in the debate would be forgotten but the former Chancellor's speech would be remembered. "It will reverberate down the months and years of this government."

It was not possible to say how long it would be before the prime minister left office. "It may take weeks, it may take months, but when you do, this afternoon will be the day they point to that started that process."

Mr Lamont's speech had been "absolutely devastating" in its criticism of the government and the prime minister. In the face of a party which was riven by argument, Mr Major had hoped that he could overcome his problems by sacking his Chancellor. But Mr Ashdown added: "The government's crisis is not a crisis of men. It is a crisis of measures too. It is no good the prime minister changing the people. It is a case of changing the policies too."


Ashdown: government must change policies


Biffen: called for tax rise of at least 2p

Referring to the split between the left and right of the Tory party, Mr Ashdown said there were now two Conservative governments. One was the government of Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, as the champion of the left: the other led by Michael Howard, the home secretary, leading the cause of the right. "The prime minister is relegated to referee rather than leader."

Mr Ashdown claimed ministers could not bring themselves to face the economic problems they had created. The prime minister had stood shoulder to shoulder with his former Chancellor. But Mr Lamont had stayed on after Black Wednesday because it was convenient for Mr Major to have a Chancellor there to protect him.

Accusing the government of breaking its election promises, Mr Ashdown said ministers lied about the state of the economy before the poll. This was "something worse than a betrayal — this was a deliberate act of deceit", he protested. It had been a false prospectus, like a Maxwell pension prospectus.

Sir Terence Higgins, former chairman of the Commons Treasury select committee, said that cutting the deficit too rapidly might abort the recovery and prolong the recession.

John Biffen, a former Tory cabinet minister and critic of the government's economic policy, said the government needed to raise income tax to help to cut the public sector borrowing requirement. "It is quite clear that we shall require an increase in the standard rate of taxation and also the top rate. I don't believe you can see the kind of sums that will be needed over the lifetime of this government without thinking in terms of at least a 2p addition on the standard rate."

Roy Hattersley, the former Labour deputy leader, attacked Mr Major's leadership, saying: "We are led by a man who is incapable of carrying out the office he now holds. He is a man who does not sound, look or behave like a prime minister. The first few passages of his speech this afternoon were the most demeaning stuff I have heard from a prime minister during my 29 years in the Commons."

Sir Peter Hordern, the Tory MP for Horsham, supported Mr Lamont's call for an independent central bank, insisting: "Monetary policy is not as credible as it might be if our central bank were to be independent." Protesting at the scale of government borrowing, he said if there had to be VAT on fuel and power, it should be imposed at once. "To be blamed without getting any revenue for a year seems perverse."

He said there were no easy solutions to the public sector deficit. Britain could not be immune from the world economy. Sir Peter urged the government to abolish the upper earnings limit on national isurance contributions to encourage people to provide for themselves in sickness and old age.

Ronald Campbell, Labour MP for Blyth Valley, agreed with Mr Lamont that the roots of the recession could be traced back to the "fast-buck economy" of the late 1980s. The tax cuts for the wealthest 1 per cent since 1979 had cost the Treasury £26 billion over the past ten years, he said. Meanwhile, directors and executives such as John Birt were exploiting tax loop-holes, thereby "fiddling taxpayers and the Treasury".

Manufacturing employment had halved since the Conservative government came to power and the trade deficit had increased to £17 billion compared with a £5 billion surplus when the government came to power.

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Judge deals blow to Andreotti over journalist's murder



Andreotti: already suspected of being involved with Sicilian Mafia bosses

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

With their elder statesman embroiled in fresh criminal allegations, the long-ruling Christian Democrats are being forced to fall back on Machiavellian tactics to cling to power

GIULIO Andreotti, the Christian Democratic former Italian prime minister, was dealt a new blow yesterday when a judge called for a further lifting of his parliamentary immunity from prosecution on suspicion that he ordered the 1979 murder of Mino Pecorelli, an investigative journalist.

The request to the Senate was based "on the ground of [his] being the mastermind" behind the murder. Pecorelli's death is widely regarded by investigators as the key to the unexplained mysteries still surrounding the 1978 kidnap and murder of Aldo Moro, the Christian Democratic statesman, by the Red Brigades.

The request by Judge Vittorio Mele is an unexpected additional blow to the reputation of Signor Andreotti, a life senator who has already consented to the lifting of his immunity so that he can face charges of plotting with the Sicilian Mafia. Judicial sources said that the latest request was based on a statement by Tommaso Buscetta, the Mafia supergrass.

Last month Signor Andreotti gave evidence to magistrates about the March 20, 1979, murder of Pecorelli in Rome and was placed under investigation. He has repeatedly denied any involvement in the affair.

Italy's "second *risorgimento*" entered a new phase this week as Catholic voters, sickened by revelations concerning bribery and the Mafia, deserted the Christian Democrats in droves. So many turned against the party that its survival has for the first time been called into question.

Perhaps the hardest battle against what remains of a corrupt political system will be fought in parliament in the next six weeks. Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the new prime minister, will seek to oversee electoral crucial reforms to pave the way for a general election before next spring.

Dazed strategists at Christian Democratic headquarters in the Piazza del Gesu are calculating whether they can salvage the dominant role the party enjoyed throughout the Cold War. In six years the party's share of the vote has tumbled from 37 per cent to the meagre 18 per cent it gleaned in last Sunday's local polls.

There can be little doubt that the slump in its fortunes is linked to the drama surrounding Signor Andreotti, who served seven terms as prime minister. Solemn ceremonies two weeks before the elections to commemorate the killing a year ago of Giovanni Falcone, the anti-Mafia judge, also may have influenced voters.

In the view of Eugenio Scalfari, the campaigning editor of *La Repubblica*, the Christian Democratic party is now "an old pachyderm that has had its brain removed, lost its sense of direction and can no longer stand up". Political experts say the only constitutional gamble open to the Christian Democrat old guard to retain power is to try to filibuster the proposed electoral reforms in the hope of precipitating an early general election under the old rules. The party could then still hope to win 25 per cent of the vote. Such Machiavellian tactics also appeal to the Socialists, who were trounced in Sunday's polls.

Judge Antonio Di Pietro and the Milan magistrates who became the new heroes of Italy when they started the "Clean Hands" corruption investigation 16 months ago are awaiting the outcome of a second request to parliament to waive the immunity from prosecution of Bettino Craxi, the former Socialist leader languishing in Paris.

The winners of the polls were the devolutionist Lombardy League, the former communist Democratic Party of the Left and La Rete, the anti-Mafia party. Their leaders — Umberto Bossi, Achille Occhetto and Leoluca Orlando — are clamouring for the reform of the proportional representation system mandated by the country in a popular referendum on April 18. But MPs in the current legislature, more than a fifth of whom are under investigation in the corruption scandal, are unwilling to legislate themselves out of a job.

Party grandees also cannot agree what kind of winner-takes-all system they want to replace proportional representation, which is seen as a main cause of successive weak coalition governments. The Democratic Party of the Left favours a two-round, French-style system. The Lombardy League wants a single-round, British-style model.

Signor Ciampi has pledged his "government of professors" will steer its own reform bill through parliament by the summer if a special parliamentary committee fails to agree changes. His squad of technocrats, including many of the sharpest minds from Italian universities, is better placed to formulate reform than the party mandarins. But the greatest weakness of the government is its dependence so far on votes in parliament from the same old parties.

As if these woes were not enough, the vicious car-bomb attack on the Uffizi gallery in Florence last month was a reminder that Cosa Nostra and its representatives in the political establishment and the murky Italian intelligence world have not yet been defeated.

☐ **Brussels:** Giuseppe Inteisano, 35, an alleged lieutenant of suspected Sicilian Mafia boss Giuseppe Pulvirenti, was arrested in the Belgian city of Liège last Friday, police here said yesterday. *(Reuter)*

Hilltop snipers defy a Warrior patrol as British soldiers escort mourning villagers

Muslims fire on Croats fleeing siege in church

FROM BILL FROST IN VITEZ
ADAM LEBOR IN BELGRADE
AND GEORGE BROCK IN LUXEMBOURG



Line of least resistance: dejected Croat troops filing past a Serb soldier after surrendering in the Vlasic mountains of central Bosnia. Seven thousand Croat civilians and 700 troops fled to Serb-held territory in the face of heavy attacks by Muslim forces

WHILE their village burned, 200 terrified Croat civilians yesterday prayed for deliverance from Muslim troops encircling the Franciscan church at Guca Gora where they had sought sanctuary. Hours later, after they had ostensibly been granted safe passage, snipers opened fire on the refugees and British troops about to escort them from the village.

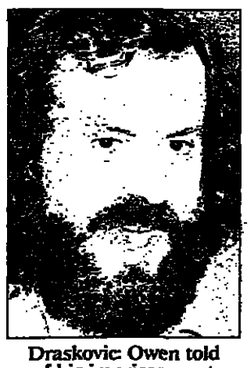
A ring of Warrior armoured vehicles surrounded the church while the British army attempted to gain safe passage for the refugees. As the talks continued, fresh fires and clouds of smoke could be seen on the surrounding hills.

An hour later the Bosnian army commander finally agreed to allow the Croats to leave the church. Minutes after he had gone, snipers opened up from the hills as the refugees began burying seven of their dead, shot in fighting the previous night.

Bullets bounced off the building, sending civilians, soldiers and journalists running for cover. The Warriors returned fire with their machineguns as the priest conducting the funeral service crossed himself in terror. The Warriors, under the command of Major Roy Hunter of the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, had arrived at Guca Gora after two British soldiers saw Muslim forces firing on fleeing civilians as they stormed the village and set homes ablaze. A patrol found evidence that the men had been forced from their hiding places and shot at close range.

Those fortunate enough to have left the hilltop villages which witnessed the worst of the fighting yesterday continued to stream east down the Lasva valley from Travnik, overrun by the Muslims earlier this week, towards Croat lines at Vitez. Some drove horse-drawn carts, others pushed wheelbarrows piled high with their belongings but most trudged miserably down the hot and dusty road.

Muslim forces are believed to be cutting a corridor northeast from Travnik towards Zenica, their stronghold at the other end of the Lasva valley. Their rapid progress through Croat lines is punctuated with the thunder of artillery which echoes above the British base at Vitez. Yesterday afternoon Muslim batteries opened up on the town of Novi Travnik, and surrounding villages came under mortar fire. Croat forces fear they are already caught in a vice. Just yards from the refugee centre they are digging trenches and filling sandbags. The Bosnian Serbs, meanwhile, are still holding back near Travnik. At first glance the about-turn by the Bosnian Serbs appears bizarre. Bosnian Serbs and Croats are still fighting in other areas of the country, such as around Maglaj and Tuzla. Skirmishes continue in and around Croatia proper with the towns of Zadar and Sibenik still under artillery barrage by Serbs in Krajina, the part of Croatia they captured in the 1991 war, now under UN protection.



Draskovic: Owen told of his imprisonment

In Bosnia the two sides have a tactical community of interest that overrides strategic clashes. President Milosevic of Serbia and Franjo Tudjman, his Croatian counterpart, have met at least twice to discuss the mutual carve-up of Bosnia. The question is whether the Serbo-Croat rapprochement now happening over Bosnia is enough to override the overall Serbo-Croat conflict.

As the Balkans fighting raged, European and American ministers patched together an agreement in Luxembourg on a short-term policy for Bosnia but could not conceal disarray and tension over longer-term objectives. European Community foreign ministers and Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, agreed to work towards implementing the UN resolution creating "safe areas" for Bosnia's Muslims. Most ministers at yesterday's meeting meet again today in Athens to appeal for troops to station in the six towns selected for military protection.

Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, the UN peace mediators, arrived in Belgrade to revive peace hopes for Bosnia and also try to secure the release of Vuk Draskovic, jailed opposition leader. "We will be talking not only about the situation in Bosnia but Croatia, Macedonia and Kosovo, in fact the whole of former Yugoslavia," the Tanjug agency quoted Lord Owen as saying.

Lord Owen also planned to meet opposition politicians to discuss Mr Draskovic's imprisonment last week after violent street clashes in Belgrade that left one policeman dead and dozens of people wounded. "I have come to discuss the situation with those leaders of the opposition that are not in prison," he said.

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Kohl in Ukraine homage to Nazi victims

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN KIEV

HELMUT Kohl, the German chancellor, arrived in Ukraine yesterday on the first visit to the republic by a Western leader since independence and made a gesture of atonement for a Nazi atrocity, which he hopes will defuse criticism of his handling of recent racist deaths in Germany.

Herr Kohl went directly from the airport to lay wreaths at the site of Babi Yar, the shallow ravine near the centre of Kiev where Nazi occupiers shot dead more than 200,000 people during the second world war.

The chancellor has been under fire at home for failing to visit the town of Solingen where five Turks — a girl, 12, and four sisters — were killed in an arson attack on their home, and for his uncertain response to a spate of attacks on foreigners.

The Nazis began the slaughter of Jews rounded up in Kiev on September 9, 1941, the eve of Yom Kippur, the main Jewish holiday. They executed 150,000 people in a week in the most intense orgy of killing outside the extermination camps. The corpses, many of them children, were dumped in the pit. In the two years that followed, they executed a further 50,000 Jews, Ukrainians, Russians, Poles and gypsies on the spot.

After the war, however, Stalin tried to conceal the extent of Jewish suffering, and the massacres went uncommemorated. The poet Yevgeni Yevtushenko embarrassed the local party leadership into pressurising Khrushchev to mark the site with a monument. Even when it was finally erected, the plaque's wording diminished the number of victims and failed to mention that the majority were Jews.

A plaque in Hebrew and a bronze menorah establishing Babi Yar as the symbol of the Jewish Holocaust were only added in 1991. Yesterday Herr Kohl laid garlands at both memorials.

Unlike Willy Brandt, who during his reign as chancellor fell to his knees on a visit to the Warsaw ghetto in a spontaneous gesture of humility and atonement for the Third Reich, Herr Kohl has never been able to strike the right note in dealing with the Nazi past. His often quoted comment that he enjoyed "the grace of a late birth" was taken as abrogation of responsibility.

At a dinner with President Kravchuk of Ukraine, Herr Kohl said: "Particularly in these days, we are reminded that the history of our two peoples contains a dark and dreadful chapter. We Germans are aware of our history and take the responsibility arising from it very seriously."

☐ **Bonn:** Arsonists attacked the house of an Indian family near Düsseldorf yesterday and a home for asylum-seekers in Freiburg. There were no injuries. *(Reuter)*

Clinton pursues plan for security council shake-up

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE Clinton administration is to press ahead with its proposal to add Japan and Germany to the United Nations Security Council despite strong opposition from Britain, whose global influence would be considerably diluted by such an expansion.

Madeleine Albright, the US ambassador to the UN, announced in a speech in New York on Tuesday night that the administration would be spelling out the details of its proposal at the end of this month. The idea was first floated by Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, in the first days of the new administration, but it caused something of a diplomatic panic in London and Paris and appeared subsequently to have dropped off the agenda.

Despite their relative decline as world powers, Britain and France have remained two of only five permanent members of the security council since its inception after the second world war, the others being America, Russia and China. In that time Germany and Japan have developed into economic superpowers.

A spokesman said yesterday that Britain was "open to discussion" on a possible expansion of the council's permanent members, but privately officials point out that the last expansion took nearly a decade to complete. They argue that trying to alter the UN charter could open a Pandora's box, with numerous other countries jostling for membership, and distract attention just at the moment when the council had begun to work efficiently for the very first time thanks to the end of the Cold War.

Officials have also pointed out that, for constitutional and other reasons, Germany and Japan have been reluctant to participate in multinational military operations, seriously limiting their international authority and influence.

The administration's motives in pressing for an expansion at this point are unclear, but one may be purely financial. If Germany and Japan did become permanent members, they would be expected to make much heftier financial contributions to the UN and its multinational operations, taking some of the pressure off the US.

This would be in line with the recent speech by Peter Tarnoff, the State Department's No. 3, who outlined a sharply reduced global leadership role for the US now the Cold War was over that would recognise America's economic limitations.

In her Ndw York speech, Ms Albright also called for reform of the United Nations bureaucracy, saying it was flabby and out of shape. "The United Nations is in need of overhaul," she said. "In past years, there has been debate about UN reform but little change."

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Charities fear huge aid cuts

BY MICHAEL DYNES
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

ECONOMIC aid to the poorest nations will drop dramatically as rich countries search for public expenditure cuts to offset the effects of recession, it was claimed yesterday.

Thirteen of the top 20 donor countries are decreasing their overseas aid budgets or preparing to initiate deep cuts, according to a survey by a group of the world's leading charity and development organisations. It also found that alleviation of poverty was increasingly taking second place to the commercial and political objectives of donor countries.

Moreover, while the leading donors spend more than £32 billion a year in official overseas aid — the equivalent of £40 per taxpayer — no government has any idea of how much is targeted directly at the one billion people who are living in absolute poverty, the survey said.

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Woman maps out modern path for change in Turkey

BY ANDREW FINKEL

IN A leadership battle which may herald a great landslide in Turkish politics, delegates of the ruling True Path party are locked in last-minute lobbying to select a new prime minister to succeed Suleyman Demirel.

The vote takes on a new urgency after the decision earlier this week by Erdal Inonu, the leader of the Social Democrats and junior coalition partner, to retire. Few commentators are risking predictions on who will replace Mr Demirel, now president and constitutionally meant to remain above party politics. There is some consensus, however, that the coalition will have trouble surviving Mr Inonu's return to the back-benches this autumn.

Since 1991, Turkey has been governed by a union of left and right, cemented by opposition to the chief political beneficiary of the 1980 coup, Turgut Ozal. His death in April led, albeit indirectly, to this week's changing of the political guard.

The prospect of political uncertainty ahead, and even an early poll, may well increase the chances of Tansu Ciller, as yet the only one of five contenders to declare herself openly a candidate in this Sunday's leadership contest. Mrs Ciller is Turkey's most prominent female politician, and, in her forties, seen by many as the only candidate youthful and modern enough to compete with the opposition Motherland party.



Ciller: regarded as an outsider by party faithful

Her "all or nothing" decision to resign from her job as finance minister to fight the election is regarded as gutsy, and few dispute that Mrs Ciller would change the perception of Turkey abroad. It may not, however, convince the True Path party faithful who regard her as something of an outsider.

Most of those voting are looking for a secret endorsement from the president. Mr Demirel's natural successor would have been Husamettin Cindoruk, the parliamentry Speaker, but he ruled himself out as a candidate by saying that Mr Demirel still intends to control the cabinet from the presidency. Also in the running is Ismet Sezgin, the minister of the interior who is noted for his hard line on the Kurdish insurrection in the southeast.

The successors to Mr Demirel and Mr Inonu will be expected to work at consolidating their ideological constituencies, with the True Path eventually merging with the Motherland party. At least two of the three left-wing parties know they also must combine to survive.

☐ **Rebels killed:** Two Kurdish separatist guerrillas died in a clash with government troops and a civilian was killed by unidentified gunmen in continuing violence in Turkey, the semi-official Anatolian news agency said. *(Reuter)*

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Tokyo crowds celebrate a marriage made in heaven

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

THE omnipotence of Japan's Imperial Household Agency, which controls most aspects of the lives of an imperial family descended from Amaterasu, the sun goddess, unfortunately does not extend to control over the heavens themselves.

While a drizzle shrouded Tokyo from dawn onwards yesterday, it did nothing to detract from the evident happiness of Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, as they presided over the marriage of Crown Prince Naruhito to Masako Owada, a former foreign ministry diplomat.

Wedding procedures began at 6:18am precisely, when a palace official arrived on time to collect Miss Owada, 29, from her modest concrete family home in Meguro, Tokyo's equivalent of Islington. Dressed in a polka-dotted, duck-egg blue silk dress and matching hat, Miss Owada was sent off with a formal and traditionally unemotional farewell of stiff bows and a last-minute message from her mother to "devote yourself to your country and perform your duties as best you can".

To the reverential tones of dozens of television commentators, whose language and delivery appeared to have been geared up for the occasion to higher levels of honorifics, the imperial couple appeared for their 10am wedding ceremony dressed in the court robes of a design dating back to the Heian era (794-1185) when Heian-kyo — now Kyoto — was the nation's capital.

The crown prince, 33, wearing silk robes of a vivid mandarin orange signifying the colour of the sun and a cumbersome black-lacquered head-dress, was joined in the *kashikodokoro* inner sanctum of the imperial palace shrine by Miss Owada, who wore a 12-layer multi-coloured kimono and metal head-dress. In a 15-minute wedding ceremony shrouded in mystery and performed well out of the range of both the Imperial Household Agency-controlled media and of the 800 invited guests, who sat patiently outside in the rain, the couple drank cups of sacred rice wine, sought the protection of their ancestors and thus became married.

Two hours later the crown prince, in morning suit, and his crown princess, in a white wedding dress, officially reported their marriage to the emperor and empress and, perhaps thanking the sun goddess for a brief respite from the drizzle, took a tour through central Tokyo in a convertible Rolls-Royce. The crowd (estimated by Tokyo police with uncanny accuracy to number 191,499) produced a constant outburst of *banzai* congratulations along the three-mile route.

Japan has thrilled to the occasion of this long-awaited wedding between a popular crown prince and his educated and polyglot princess. There has been national rejoicing over the assurance that the imperial line's future rests in such capable hands.

But the passage of Japan's imperial myth down generations spanning 1,600 years has not been without its ups and downs, reaching its nadir in 1945 when the emperor made his surrender speech renouncing his divine status. Nearly fifty years later, the mythical identity of Japan's imperial family is constantly being reshaped to meet the needs of the nation, and the hold it has on the public imagination reveals its strength.

Japan's crown princess looked delighted yesterday with her prospects as Japan's future empress. The nation now awaits news of her accomplishment of the most important task of her new life — producing an heir to the Chrysanthemum Throne.

Rolls-Royce hopes, page 23



Wedded joy: Crown Prince Naruhito and Princess Masako greet well-wishers as they leave the imperial palace

Pretoria 'prevents killing of minister'

Johannesburg: An attempt to assassinate a black homelands cabinet minister by the armed wing of the radical Pan Africanist Congress, the Azanian People's Liberation Army, has been foiled and seven of its members have been arrested, police said (Ray Kennedy writes).

Colonel Johan Mostert said in Pretoria that the minister would not be identified for security reasons, and gave no details of where and when the killing was planned. Those arrested were also linked with the murders of several members of the security forces and a number of robberies.

Meanwhile, Xoliswa Falati, the woman who was convicted in May 1991 with Winnie Mandela on kidnap and assault charges, has gone to jail in Soweto, declaring her innocence and saying that Mrs Mandela was the real culprit.

The estranged wife of the African National Congress leader, convicted on similar charges, had her six-year jail term set aside by an appeal court last week, and a fine of £3,000 imposed instead.

Review denied

Phnom Penh: The United Nations peacekeeping mission in Cambodia has rejected calls by the Vietnam-backed government for a review of the result of last month's elections. The royalist party, Funcinpec, will be officially declared the winner today. *(AP)*

Suspects held

Cairo: Egyptian police have detained 70 people for questioning after a bomb attack on a tourist bus in Cairo killed one man and injured 22 people, including five Britons. Suspects were rounded up in three slum areas. *(Reuter)*

Poll victor

Ulan Bator: Mongolia's former communist party conceded its first defeat after the re-election of President Ochirbat, who ran for the opposition when he was rejected by the party as its candidate in direct presidential polls. *(Reuter)*

Liberia burial

Monrovia: Hundreds of victims of a refugee camp massacre have been buried in mass graves, and the death toll has passed 400, relief workers in the Liberian capital say. The government blames Charles Taylor, the rebel leader, for the killings. *(AP)*

Roads toll

Rabat: More than 700,000 people are killed on the world's roads every year, two-thirds of them in developing countries, and up to 15 million are injured, Leon Nilles, president of Road Safety International, told a conference in the Moroccan capital. *(Reuter)*

Bubble bursts

Paris: France's most prestigious champagne houses agreed to slash their prices for nearly 700 restaurants and seven well-known hotel chains by 25 per cent, reflecting falling demand and increased competition. *(Reuter)*



Lau: UK refusal not the end of the story

Howard rejects appeal on stateless

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

MICHAEL Howard, the home secretary, has flatly ruled out Britain taking in the non-Chinese ethnic minorities in Hong Kong after the colony reverts to Peking in 1997.

He told an all-party group of senior representatives from the Hong Kong Legislative Council yesterday that accepting the 7,000-strong community into the United Kingdom would require new legislation. This, he said, was insuperable. He promised that if any of the community, mostly Indians and Pakistanis, were forced out of Hong Kong after 1997, Britain would look at their passport applications case by case.

Mr Howard, however, agreed that all Hong Kong residents would be able to retain their present British dependent territory passports until 1997, and would not be forced to surrender these when applying over the next four years for the new British National (Overseas) passports, the travel documents that have been promised to three million Hong Kong residents.

A draft order in council will be placed before parliament today to implement a phased issuing of the new passports. The government has not yet decided whether these should be postdated to 1997 or whether those whose applications are to be considered first can keep both passports for the next four years. He promised that there would be a chance of appeal for anyone who registered late.

Emily Lau said on behalf of the group that it was happy at the concessions on the new passports but disappointed that nothing had been promised for the minorities, who may be left stateless after the Chinese takeover. Mr Howard gave no reason why new legislation could not be introduced, but he made it clear that the government would face uproar if it admitted this group from overseas before others from the Indian subcontinent awaiting immigration permission.

Ms Lau said of Mr Howard's promise during their 40-minute meeting to think again on the passport changes: "We can live with that." But she said of the refusal to take in any of the minorities: "It may be the end of the story for him; it is not the end for us. He has reviewed the matter and come to the conclusion that it is very difficult. We are very disappointed."

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North Korea and Ukraine give US nuclear jitters



Missile power: Ukraine is close to cracking Moscow's control codes

*Demands by the key military powers on nuclear non-proliferation have all the credibility of a drunk preaching abstinence, **Lawrence Freedman** argues*

NORTH Korea will withdraw on Saturday from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, the first country to do so in 23 years. This is not, it insists, because of any interest in developing nuclear weapons, but because it has been the victim of discriminatory practices. The decision to pull out appears to have been provoked by the prospect of international inspectors snooping round two suspect sites.

Since there are few weapons of mass destruction that North Korea has not tried to develop — and sell to some of the world's shadier customers — self-denial in this area would be surprising. Recent reports suggest that the country has successfully tested its Rodong-1 missile with a range of 625 miles.

The move is a blow to the treaty. Also, an overtly nuclear North Korea would require further international guarantees to South Korea, from which America recently repatriated its nuclear weapons, and could revive the nuclear issue in Japan, which would be left as part of an Asia becoming crowded with nuclear powers — India, Pakistan, Russia and China, as well as North Korea.

For all these reasons, the Americans, backed by a United Nations Security Council resolution, have sought to persuade the North Koreans that they are risking complete political isolation and should at least postpone withdrawal to allow time for second thoughts. It is difficult, however, to work out how the North Koreans could be any more isolated than they already are. Of their old patrons, Russia is now anti-communist, while China, although still under the notional control of the Communist party, is developing ever-closer economic ties with the West and has established working relations with South Korea.

Another nuclear proliferation crisis is developing with Ukraine. Les Aspin, the American defence secretary, has been visiting Kiev to urge ratification of the non-proliferation treaty and set in motion the process of dismantling the 176 intercontinental ballistic missiles and some 160 air-launched weapons which formed part of its legacy from the Soviet Union. President Kravchuk has made all the right noises on this issue since it was first raised 18 months ago, but suspicion is growing that this was never very serious.

Ukraine did not seek nuclear status but, along with Belorussia and Kazakhstan, had it thrust upon it. Unlike the other two republics, which maintain naturally close relations with Russia, Ukraine has good reason to be suspicious of its large neighbour, with which it has already had a series of rows over borders and the division of the military assets of the Soviet Union.

Under the strategic arms reduction treaties, the Russians have promised to cut back to just more than 3,000 warheads, but Ukraine would have to cut back to zero. To Kiev, this looks like leaving it vulnerable. Mr Kravchuk still insists that he will abide by his obligations to turn Ukraine into a non-nuclear power, but members of his government have cast doubt on this.

It had been thought that the issue was less ominous than it seems. Although the missiles are based in Ukraine, they are controlled from Moscow. Now, however, the Americans judge that the Ukrainians could have established effective command and control of their own within 18 months; the Russians claim they could lose control within a year.

Until the Ukrainians are demonstrably ridding themselves of their weapons, the Russians will not implement their obligations under the strategic arms reductions treaties and the whole arms control process could unravel. Even worse, although this is probably excessively alarmist, there are dark mutterings in Moscow that, if the Ukrainians stick to their current course, it may be necessary to launch a pre-emptive attack on the missiles before Kiev manages to crack the control codes.

Hence the urgency with which the problem is starting to be viewed in Washington. In Ukraine, however, as with North Korea, US leverage is limited. Kiev has become convinced that it is only the nuclear arsenal that gets it any attention and so it is demanding $3 billion (£2 billion) and security guarantees in return for dismantling it.

Trade sanctions provide another option, but the Ukrainian economy is so fragile that these would probably completely destabilise it, resulting in a government far worse than that of Mr Kravchuk. The current American policy is to rely on carrots rather than sticks to persuade Kiev that the benefits of closer economic integration with the West should not be jeopardised through the pursuit of what could prove to be the illusory security of a nuclear shield.

War may be one of the few truly effective means through which the key powers can enforce the norms of non-proliferation, but it is not an everyday sort of option. Given that these powers cling to their own arsenals for security purposes, a moral appeal has the credibility of a drunk preaching abstinence. Neither the carrots nor sticks available appear desperately impressive. The best that can be hoped is that the would-be proliferators realise that their long-term security would not be supported by raising the regional nuclear stakes.

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Court orders Clinton to free Haitians in Aids camp

■ The White House has been condemned for operating "the world's only HIV-positive prison". The president can either offer the boat people asylum or make an appeal

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton was confronted with another political embarrassment last night after a judge had ordered the immediate release of 158 Aids-infected Haitians from the Guantánamo naval base on Cuba and damned both his and the Bush administrations for keeping them locked up in an "HIV prison camp" for 20 months.

The ruling came as Marc Bazin, Haiti's prime minister, was stripped of power by military forces there. In Port-au-Prince, Haitian politicians predicted that the resignation would lead to a more right-wing government, but supporters of the ousted President Aristide were hopeful that Mr Bazin's departure would clear the way for new talks on restoring democracy and a government more willing to accept his return. The capital remained peaceful and soldiers guarded the vacant national palace.

The court ruling means President Clinton must either allow the Haitians to enter America, a move that would upset many of the blue-collar white conservatives he is trying desperately to win back, or appeal.

Appealing would refocus



Aristide: Haitians fled after he was ousted

attention on Mr Clinton's broken campaign promise to lift the ban on Haitian boat people entering America, and fuel the anger Mr Clinton inspired in black Americans last week when he abandoned his nomination of Lani Guinier for a senior civil rights job. That decision alone caused his support among blacks to drop 14 points and the National Association for the Advancement of Black People is now refusing to help him find a replacement.

The 53-page ruling of New York's Judge Sterling Johnson was an embarrassment in itself, especially as Mr Clinton had attacked President Bush during last year's campaign for indifference towards the Haitian refugees. It condemned the Clinton and Bush administration's for their "outrageous, callous and reprehensible" treatement of the Haitians, for their "deliberate indifference" to their medical needs, and for operating "the only known refugee camp in the world composed entirely of HIV-positive refugees". It said the Haitians were being held in a manner "usually reserved for spies and murderers" and their plight was a "tragedy of immense proportions".

The Haitians were among 40,000 who have fled Haiti since President Aristide was overthrown by a military coup in September 1991. Their position is unique because they have been adjudged to have credible claims to political asylum, meaning they cannot be sent home, but were refused entry to America because anyone HIV-positive is banned from entering the country.

The ruling was hailed by American human rights groups which immediately began lobbying both Mr Clinton and Janet Reno, his attorney-general, not to appeal.

Last night President Clinton, stung by criticism that five months into the new administration there are no ambassadors or even nominees in 37 of the 164 American embassies around the world, was reported to be ready to name Walter Mondale, 65, Jimmy Carter's vice-president, as ambassador to Japan. The appointment will signal the importance President Clinton attaches to US-Japanese relations. It will also spare Mr Clinton the embarrassment of attending the G7 summit in Tokyo next month with that key post still unfilled.

Richard Holbrooke is expected to go to Germany; Stephen Solarz, the former New York congressman, to India; and Reginald Bartholomew, who represented the US during the Bosnian peace talks, to Italy.

But the president is yet to make a decision on his first Supreme Court nomination. Bruce Babbitt, the interior secretary, is known to be his preferred choice, but the longer he delays the more opposition to Mr Babbitt is growing. For two days running the *Washington Times* has published front-page reports resurrecting charges that Mr Babbitt, as Arizona's attorney-general, accepted a money from organised crime in the 1970s to pay off gambling debts.

The White House has dismissed those charges as old and discredited, but the newspaper has found some new circumstantial evidence.

Conservative groups have begun questioning some of Mr Babbitt's more extreme statements as an environmental advocate. Orrin Hatch, the senior Republican on the Senate judiciary committee which would have to confirm Mr Babbitt, said he believed the former Arizona governor would be too political for the job. Environmental groups want Mr Babbitt to stay where he is.



City takeover: Richard Riordan, a Republican multimillionaire lawyer and venture capitalist, voicing his thanks to supporters after he defeated Michael Woo, his Democratic opponent, for control of Los Angeles (Martin Fletcher writes). It is the first time in 36 years that the Republicans have taken the mayor's office in America's second largest city. In a vitriolic contest to succeed long-serving Tom Bradley as mayor, solid support from more affluent whites saw Mr Riordan take 54 per cent of the vote compared with 46 per cent for Mr Woo, who was endorsed by President Clinton but failed to inspire the big minority turnout he required. Mr Riordan, 63, now faces the huge task of reviving a polyglot city devastated by riots and recession. Campaigning as a political outsider with the slogan "Tough Enough to Turn LA Around", he promised to tackle crime and create a healthier business climate. He had spent more than $6 million (£4 million) of his own money on the most costly mayor's race ever.

Gunships sent to Somalia after peacekeepers killed

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE United States is sending AC 130 planes with devastating firepower to Somalia, where they could be used to retaliate for the killing of 23 United Nations peacekeepers, Clinton administration officials said yesterday.

"They are going," said one of the officials, when asked if the United States was sending the "Spectre" gunships, heavily-armed, computer-equipped versions of the US Air Force's lumbering four-engine C 130 military transports. The officials, who asked not to be identified, said Washington was also considering UN requests to send tanks and other weaponry after the ambush of the peacekeepers.

The killings in Somalia have ignited an anxious debate in Bonn about Germany's military role in the world. The Social Democratic opposition, which claims that the government has been covering up the potential danger to German troops in Somalia, will next week seek an interim ruling from the constitutional court to bar the dispatch of 1,700 troops.

Germany's constitution prohibits combat missions out of the Nato area, but increasingly the Western alliance is thinking of global policing. That has put pressure on the German coalition, which almost reached breaking point earlier this year over the issue of German participation in aerial reconnaissance over Bosnia-Herzegovina. The court eventually ruled that such missions could go ahead, but only reached its verdict after weeks of street protests and intra-party bargaining. When the UN asked Germany to contribute to the Somalia peacekeeping mission, it explicitly promised that Germans would be deployed only in "safe areas" and would be used for humanitarian tasks. For many German politicians, the latest fighting shows that there are no "safe areas" and that the troops would in fact be embarking on their first combat mission since the second world war.

Reports from the proposed German garrison in Belet Huen indicated that there was little or no fighting there. But the Germans' mission, to organise and safeguard supplies that arrive in Mogadishu and then transport them more than 220 miles to Belet Huen, suggests that the troops may well see action. "That just goes to show the government has been feeding us a tissue of lies," said Norbert Gansel, of the Social Democrats. It was plain, he said, that the government was trying gradually to acclimatise Germans to the notion of acting as an army abroad and that it had deliberately played down the risk. The Somalia operation is also accelerating a reform of the German army.

Great white shark devours swimmer off Australia

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A NEWLY-WED woman saw a great white shark kill her husband as he went diving at an Australian beauty spot.

A fishing boat later netted the shark, which rammed the boat several times and dragged it 3.7 miles out to sea before disgorging human remains and breaking free.

John Ford, 31, was grabbed by the 16ft shark as he was scuba-diving east of the tourist town of Byron Bay, 370 miles north of Sydney. His wife, Deborah, who was also diving from their charter boat, was uninjured but in shock after witnessing the attack from below the surface. Other divers who were with the couple were unharmed. Searchers later found the wet-suited torso with a weighted dive belt and a leg with a flipper attached.

The attack came only five days after another 11.5ft great white shark, known as "white pointers" in Australia, killed a 35-year-old mother of quadruplets who had been on a diving excursion near a seal colony off the southern island state of Tasmania.

A marine biologist and shark specialist, Richard Fitzpatrick of Oceanworld marine park in Sydney, said the two attacks were coincidental and not part of an emerging trend.



Jaws of death: two lives claimed in one week

He dismissed reports by some researchers that overfishing had created a shortage of fish and caused sharks to seek other prey, but said sharks could mistake divers in wet suits and flippers for sea mammals. Seals make up a large part of the diet of white pointers, regarded as the most dangerous species of shark in Australian waters.

Marine researcher John Fairfax believes that attacks on humans by sharks may become more frequent because fishing is depleting waters. "The creatures are starving because their food chain is diminishing," he said. "Sharks are coming closer to the coastline, looking for something to eat."

More than 100 people have been killed by sharks in Australian waters this century.

'Child abuse' defence in murder case rivets America

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

Is child abuse an excuse for parricide? That question will be examined in elaborate detail when the case of Erik and Lyle Menéndez, two brothers accused of killing their wealthy parents in 1989, finally comes to trial in Los Angeles next week.

Both brothers face the death penalty if convicted of murder, but their lawyer indicated this week that she will argue the killings were carried out in self-defence against a background of prolonged child abuse. "Our clients believed themselves to be in danger of death, imminent peril or great bodily injury," Leslie Abramson, the brothers' lawyer, said.

Jury selection is due to begin next Monday in a trial which has been held up for nearly four years by complicated pre-trial wrangling. For prosecutors, and many other Californians, the case appears to be one of a callous murder carried out by two young men who enjoyed high living and loathed their parents.

On August 20, 1989, José Menéndez, a wealthy Cuban emigré and chief executive of a music and video distribution firm, and his wife Kitty, a former beauty queen, were watching television in their Beverly Hills mansion when they were brutally killed by 15 shotgun blasts. The murder and conspiracy case against the brothers, then aged 18 and 21, contends that the murders were motivated by hatred of a hard-driving father and a determination to get their hands on his $14 million (£9.2 million) estate.

The most crucial evidence against the brothers is contained in an audio-taped account by Dr Jerome Oziel, their psychotherapist, in which he describes confessions the brothers allegedly made to him about two months after the killings.

According to Dr Oziel, Lyle Menéndez said he was "considering" killing him as well, and he claims the brothers admitted carrying out the killings "out of hatred and a desire to be free from their father's domination, messages of inadequacy and impossible standards". The state supreme court ruled last August that because of the alleged threats to Dr Oziel's life the therapist-patient privilege of confidentiality had been violated.

The brothers have long maintained that the murders were carried out by someone else, and their lawyer's sudden change of direction in favour of a plea of self-defence may have caught prosecutors off-guard. This is not the first time Ms Abramson has used an "abuse" defence against murder charges. In 1988 she successfully defended a teenager accused of killing his sleeping father on the ground that he been repeatedly abused as child.

The Menéndez case has sparked interest across America, since it combines three of the country's key obsessions: child abuse, murder and money. Two books about the case have been commissioned and film agents and entertainment lawyers are circling avidly.

Meanwhile, Judge Stanley Weisberg has still to decide whether the trial requires one jury or two. Last month he said two separate juries would be necessary to ensure that evidence against one brother would not sway a verdict against the other. This week he was reported to be reconsidering that decision.

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The Russian way of love

There is no privacy — and the lingerie is the worst in the world. But Muscovites are discovering love, says Alice Thomson



Moscow nights: but nightclubs like this are for only the privileged few who are rediscovering sex

At Moscow railway station, men jostle each other at a makeshift store, flicking through photo-copies of Western porn magazines, gawping at the bewildering array of how-to manuals, marital aids, instructive videos and a very dusty vibrator. In the waiting room the Russian-language *Playboy* is being advertised on television, while in the dining car of the overnight train soft-porn films have been playing.

Prostitutes, once described by Lenin as "an evil that sprang from the institution of private property", fill the rooftop bar of the Grand Hotel Europe, in St Petersburg, in their Lycra stirrup pants and spangley shirts. Reported rape statistics have doubled in the past year. Two years ago Gennady Danishevsky, who started the Miss USSR contests, said: "We have to catch up on 70 years of sexual liberation. A certain chaos and anarchy and pornography is inevitable."

> 'Affairs are common but they fizzle out — especially in the winter'

But what about your normal Saturday-night sex between consenting Russian adults? Russian sex either used to conjure up images of John Cleese in *A Fish Called Wanda*, jumping up and down in his Y-fronts and spouting Russian to a delirious Jamie Lee Curtis, or pictures of huge Russian women beached beside vast Russian men on holiday beside the Black Sea.

The Bolsheviks had a saying that love was like a glass of water. Drink it, forget it and get on with the real business of building communism. Under Stalin, sexual puritanism took hold and even Kremlin wives were told to shed their femininity. Despite the new permissiveness, sex is still surprisingly hard to find.

Alexandra Godina, 36, a qualified engineer and now a receptionist, explains: "Most Soviet women had hard-labour jobs and were covered in shapeless clothes. We had no access to beauty products, tights or even hairclips. We forgot that we were women and that is a real turn-off for both sexes."

Is all this changing now that women have access to jeans, eyeliners and even tampons? "No, the main problem is time and that hasn't changed," Mrs Godina says. "As well as an eight-hour working day we have to join food queues and do the housework. No one has heard of washing machines. Crèches are increasingly hard to find. Women are too tired to have sex."

Viktor Pamfilova, a language student, says: "Russian men and women do not have good relationships together. The men are often drunk and command little respect and the women marry people they hardly know because they are worried that they will end up spinsters. Half of those who marry divorce. Young people have no way of testing their feelings. There is nowhere to meet to be romantic and flirt and learn about making love. Restaurants and hotels are too expensive, no one can afford to own cars and the bars and discos are only for the rich. Affairs are common but they fizzle out — especially in the winter, when it is so cold you can't even meet in a park. There are 4.5 million single mothers who probably won't have another chance. Even if the marriages are successful, making love is often impossible because flats are so small."

Mrs Godina says she has no idea how her parents managed to produce two children. "Our two-room flat was filled with our relations and so was the dacha. Most Russians don't have double beds so they can't even sleep in each others arms," she says.

According to a rare sex survey carried out in Moscow last year, 80 per cent of men said they suffered from impotence at some stage, while more than 50 per cent of women were either frigid or had never experienced an orgasm. Russian magazines do little to help. *Rabotnitsa (Woman Worker)*, with a circulation of ten million, has knitting patterns, recipe cards and porridge diets — but nothing on career women and certainly not on sex.

"Last year, we had a live phone-in with the Americans and an American housewife asked a Russian housewife about making love. 'We don't have sex in Russia,' she replied. We were all embarrassed, but what she meant is we can't talk about it," Mr Pamfilova says.

Mothers do not talk to their daughters about their periods, let alone contraception, and schools give no sex education. The Russian coil is a painful affair, the pill is expensive and not trusted, and men are reluctant to use condoms. There were four million abortions last year but for many abstinence is the only solution.

In March 1992 *Moskovskaya Pravda* reported that Russia was experiencing its worst demographic crisis since 1945 and remarked: "You hardly ever see a pregnant woman in the streets of Moscow these days." William Millinship, whose book *Frontline: Women of the New Russia* is published this week, explains this with a letter from patients on a maternity ward in Moscow. "We have become reconciled to the fact that we are doomed to wear the worst lingerie in the world ... we have learnt to cook meals and bring up children while working full-time ... but when pregnancy comes even we women are helpless," the letter says. It goes on to complain that the floors in the gynaecological wards are not washed for weeks, a single, filthy toilet serves for a whole floor and expectant mothers are fed things a dog would not eat.

Mr Millinship, who was Moscow correspondent for *The Observer*, says: "It will be hard for most women to change their attitudes. Many now despise Russian men. They see them as emasculated by the state system, hardened drinkers who are not macho enough to protect their woman but who also can't change a nappy."

A new club in Moscow has just opened in the basement of a theatre. Few can afford the admission price but those who can seem intent on breaking the mould. The young women have all been on stringent diets, have discreetly applied make-up and beautifully copied Vivienne Westwood separates.

Katya, in a sixties pale blue skirt and headband, is jiving all over her boy friend. "My mother's generation was so dreary, I want to be respected as a woman. I am not going to marry at 23 and live with my parents. I want a job and a flat of my own but I am lucky I am young; my parents have some money and I have been well-educated," she says.

Laurie Thomas, who works for Kent County Council, has come to Russia for ten days to advise teachers about sex and drug education. He is optimistic that attitudes are changing. "Teachers and parents might not have had sex education but they want their children to learn about contraception and Aids," he says. "At first, they found talking about sex a problem — then I showed them a female condom and that broke the ice. They also want to teach their children self-esteem and how to say no."

But it is only the most progressive teachers who are brave enough to go to such seminars and it could be years before sex education is part of the school curriculum. Until then, men are going to have to be content putting small advertisements for sex in local newspapers or glimpsing rip-offs of *The Joy Of Sex*.

When judges talk too much

The latest rape case summing-up exposes a weakness of the judiciary

Sometimes, judges talk too much. It is a fact of courtroom life. It is not a new phenomenon. In his Hamlyn Lectures on "the English judge", Henry Cecil, the resourceful comic legal novelist who, in his other life, was Judge Henry Leon, wrote: "A judge has to learn to control his adrenal glands and if he is not able to control them, he should not be appointed to the bench."

That was December 1970. One might have hoped that today, when our judges are, at least on appointment, much younger than they used to be, more tolerant, more liberal-minded and much more bland and colourless, that this would no longer be true.

With the "new look" judge should have come the more tight-lipped judge, or even the judge more in contact with everyday life. But it does not always happen. It is perhaps not surprising that in the 1960s, a judge should have asked: "Who are the Beatles?"

Many of us will remember the Ealing Vicarage rape case in 1987, in which Mr Justice Leonard, then aged 61, gave two rapists three and five years imprisonment, after describing the trauma suffered by the victim as "not so very great" and commenting that she had made "a remarkable recovery". In fact, she had been a virgin who subsequently split up with her boyfriend and later said that she had wanted to kill herself.

And there was the famous remark at Ipswich crown court in 1982 by Judge Richards, then 69 and now retired, who, fining a company director £2,000 for raping a 17-year-old girl to whom he had given a lift in his Jaguar, commented that she had been "guilty of a great deal of contributory negligence" in being a hitch-hiker. In fact, she was said to have afterwards suffered a nervous breakdown and cancelled her wedding. Other similar courtroom tales from the 1980s abound.

But the early Nineties have their crop:

- In April 1990, Judge Dean told an Old Bailey jury during a rape trial: "As the gentlemen on the jury will understand, when a woman says 'No', she doesn't always mean it. Men can't turn their emotions on and off like a tap like some women can." The jury acquitted a property consultant of rape.
- In September 1991, Judge John Lee, then 65, put a Ross-on-Wye man on probation for two years after he admitted aggravated burglary. His counsel had explained that he had hoped to be arrested so that he could get away from "emotional problems" with his girl friend. Judge Lee commented: "A lot of the excuse for your behaviour is that you have problems with a woman. Who do you think hasn't? I've had my girl friends. I've had a wife for the last 37 years. Even after 37 years they give you problems from time to time ... if a woman upsets you that's all right. It's part of their function in life."
- In April 1991 at York Crown Court, Judge Myerson, then 64, sent a man who had raped a prostitute to prison for three years, instead of the five he might have expected, because he had worn a condom. "You showed concern and consideration by wearing a contraceptive," said the learned judge.

In February this year we had Judge Prosser, 62, allowing a teenaged rapist to walk free from Newport Crown Court after suggesting that his victim — a 15-year-old schoolgirl virgin — might be consoled by a £500 holiday "to get over the trauma".

Why do judges do it?

Why do intelligent and able men, whose whole training as lawyers is to make them choose their words with care, sometimes do the exact opposite? In his Hamlyn Lecture, Judge Leon suggested that one reason was that a judge "is treated in court with a subservience and flattery which probably obtains nowhere else and, as he probably gets a similar kind of treatment outside court, it isn't good for some of us".

That was 23 years ago. Judges no longer receive such fawning attention. Yet still the tendency to pontificate persists. Why? I think there are three possible explanations:

First, courtroom sycophancy still persists. "Judgeitis", a disease that can afflict perfectly decent, modest lawyers the moment that they don the judicial ermine, giving them an exaggerated notion of their own importance, still continues. I will never forget the QC on the northern circuit with whom I often chatted over lunch in Middle Temple Hall when he was down on some case. Once he went on the bench, when he was walking in the Temple, somehow our eyes just never seemed to meet.

Second, some judges become cynics, and who is to blame them?

They see so much evil, pettiness and unpleasantness reflected in their courts that they cannot resist the opportunity to tell it as they find it, even though


Hogarth's judge

sometimes they would be better advised not to do so.

Third, some judges tend to accept too quickly everything that is told by defence counsel *when the defendant pleads guilty*. In February, Judge Colin Willis was heavily criticised for jailing a man for only six months for raping his fiancée after ignoring her plea for him to stop while they were having intercourse. But, as he told a reporter from *The Daily Telegraph* in a rare post-sentence interview, judges have to accept the defendant's version of events when there is a guilty plea. In a sense, they have no alternative. How can they pick and choose what is true in what counsel tells them? And counsel is also not at fault: he is only repeating, in good faith, what his own client or solicitor has told him.

In the most recent case, the defendant, whom Judge Starforth Hill QC put on probation, had himself pleaded guilty to attempted unlawful sexual intercourse with the eight-year-old girl whom the judge stigmatised as "no angel".

What it boils down to is that all judges should remember that they are human and that not always, even by counsel, is the truth told in court. Discretion is not only the better part of valour, it is the better part of judging.

FENTON BRESLER

This week's 100th anniversary of the birth of J. B. Morton aka "Beachcomber" has largely gone unnoticed

Comic genius in world of his own making

"SIXTY Horses Wedged in Chimney". The story to fit this sensational headline has not turned up yet — nor, sadly, is it ever likely to, for the great J. B. Morton, in whose "By The Way" column in the *Daily Express* it first startled unsuspecting readers, has now been dead some 14 years. Or, as he once put it, "gone to that Bourne from which no Hollingsworth returns".

"Beachcomber", as comedy cognoscenti and thousands of Britons over the age of 40 will better remember John Cameron Andrieu Bingham Morton CBE, would have been 100 years old this week. An anniversary that woefully went unmarked, by even his former employer.

Morton took over the mantle of "Beachcomber" in 1924 on the recommendation of his predecessor and close friend D. B. Wyndham Lewis, who moved on to a rival column in the *Daily Mail*.

Morton as "Beachcomber" had no rival. For 51 years, he entertained readers with an eclectic mix of poetry, parody, right-of-centre satire, bizarre headlines, puns, accounts of walking holidays, historical notes, savage mockery of his paper, his public ("Hello, morons!") and progress. He assembled a large and fabulous cast of characters. Morton's work was praised by Evelyn Waugh, P. G. Wodehouse, G. K. Chesterton, and Arnold Bennett, who — reviewing the first book to be compiled from the column, *Mr Thake* — mistakenly assumed that "Beachcomber" was the pseudonym of several authors, such was the range and constant freshness of the material.

Indeed, in terms of versatility, comic fertility, and sheer output, Morton could easily lay claim to being the greatest English humorist of the 20th century. Up until the mid-1960s, he was producing 500-plus words, six days a week. The column then ran every Saturday until 1975, when Morton was forced against his will to retire at the age of 82. And in all these millions of words there was continued invention, little recycling, and a sort of wild humour.

SO WHY does it seem — alarmingly, to his fans — that "Beachcomber" is in danger of being overlooked? The ephemeral nature of all journalism is doubtless a factor, but Morton's reclusive behaviour in his later years, coupled with his longevity, would appear to be working against him.

The Morton of the 1920s was a wild man of Fleet Street whose extrovert manner was the stuff of legends. Quick-tempered and voluble, he would burst into London bars, roaring abuse. He wrestled shopkeepers in the street, danced between paragraphs as he wrote, and once crawled on all fours, barking like a dog, into a meeting between the editor Arthur Christiansen and a bishop.

After his marriage, Morton appeared to calm down. He moved out of London and lived variously in Kent, Sussex and, for a short spell, Ireland. As long as his copy arrived on time, it didn't matter to the *Express* where he was, and from the 1930s onwards his fellow newspaper associates saw little of him.

He was content to live quietly with his wife Mary, upon whom he doted, and was entirely dependent — being unable to drive, ride a bicycle, or even use a typewriter. When she died in 1974, Morton was bereft. They had no children.

He started several times to write his autobiography, but never completed it because he said it bored him, "and if it bores me, it will bore everyone else". He died intestate in 1979 and all his papers were destroyed. He had outlived almost all the people who knew him from earlier times.

Since his death, however, both Michael Frayn's and Richard Ingrams' edited collections of some of the best "Beachcomber" material have been reprinted, and there have been two Radio 4 series based on the "By The Way" column. A third series should be broadcast later this year in celebration of the 100th anniversary.

MIKE BARFIELD

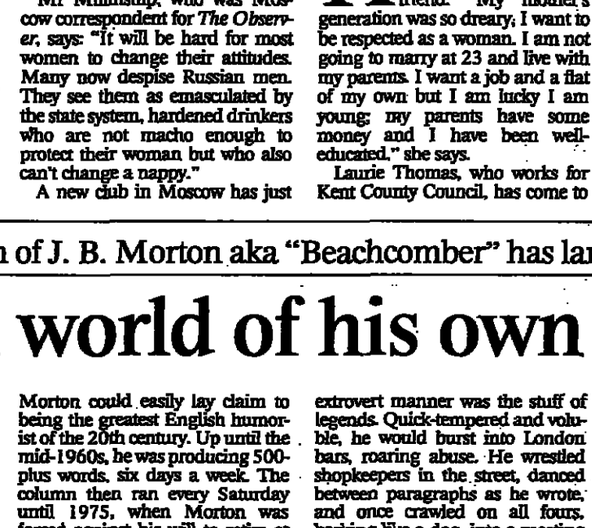
Marrying many to save the few

When survival is at stake, the answer can be for a woman to take four husbands

We all know about the tendency of the male to form harems. We are aware that, with varying degrees of formality, sheikhs do it, the Marquess of Bath does it, even Alan Clark does it. Come to that, Abraham and Jacob did it. One man with a flock of wives and wifelets seems to us, if not precisely acceptable, at least comprehensible. There is something respectable about a patriarch. We can understand how polygamy happens.

Polyandry, on the other hand, is frankly unnerving: anthropologists are generally taken aback to discover societies in which women marry several husbands. As for the rest of us, men bridle at the idea of sharing a wife, and women groan at the thought of looking after several husbands, emotionally as well as physically. *Higamus Hogamus, woman is monogamous; Hogamus Higamus, man is polygamous.* Or so we think.

Eyes will stretch wide tonight, therefore, when BBC2 shows a beautiful little film from the roof of the world in northwestern Nepal, made by Joanna Head and the anthropologist Carroll Dunham. It tells of Tsering Kangzum, a sturdy, pretty, hard-working 16-year-old who is given as a bride to four boys: Rinzin, who is 18, and his brothers. The youngest is eight, and very pleased. "I'll stay with her forever and give her polyester and velvet blouses," he says proudly. The middle brothers are not so sure, grumbling that they wouldn't mind wives all of their own; but everyone, even the weeping Tsering, seems resigned.


Brotherly love: Tsering Kangzum with three of her husbands

For the Nyinba people, farmers and herdsmen, live in one of those rare corners of the world in which fraternal polyandry is the rule rather than the exception. Unlike polygamy, which rapidly creates tribes, polyandry restricts population growth and keeps farms from being broken up. The Nyinba survive in harsh terrain, by hard work: these things are necessary. "Their whole society is based on the harmony of the family," says Joanna Head. "And the mainstay of that is the wife: she keeps brothers working together, avoids favouritism and jealousy, and makes the home." It is a tall order. Tsering feels outnumbered. "Marrying four husbands will be difficult. I won't meet my friends any more or sing with them. I won't be free any more ... I don't know how to keep house well enough yet."

But the strength of the film is in its gentle intimacy. Carroll Dunham lives in Nepal and speaks fluent Nepali. She recruited an educated Nyinba girl, Bavita, to interpret in the local dialect for the shyest, simplest women. So we see teasing sessions in which the old women explain the ropes to poor Tsering: "You must bear a child from each husband. That's what causes our wrinkles," says one. "Love them equally, weave their coats, shirts, trousers and belts," says another. She has five. "If you sleep with one, the others get jealous. They won't talk or eat. That is our sorrow, but what to do? We can't tell this custom to get lost." They all laugh: it is the way life is.

Every system creates rebels. Some girls, like Tsering's little sister, who ran off to Kathmandu with a schoolteacher, refuse to join in. The groom's mother, Ms Head says, was originally married to a different group of brothers, and left for the present set. Romantic love is possible: Rinzin's tough old granny speaks of one of her husbands as the love of her life, and the other two as "only fit for herding the animals". Such women learn to practise a formidable degree of domestic diplomacy. And so must the men: as Ms Head says, "It's the first place I've ever been where the marriage system doesn't suit anybody. All the younger brothers complain. But they say they as a people can't survive without it."

These are not unhappy people enslaved by outsiders or religious terrors. Up in the high, cold pastures of the Himalayas they laugh a great deal. Weeping Tsering is jollied along in a way that Ms Head compares with Western parents' sending children to boarding-school. "It's such an honour to be chosen for the richest family in the valley. They think of it as a temporary worry."

Tsering sings mournfully: "Some are happy, some are not. Our destinies decide." Perhaps they do. We think we make decisions as individuals, but after watching these nice people work their system for an hour, I found doubts creeping in. This eccentric microcosm demonstrates how a society, in the kindest possible way, sacrifices individuals for stability.

Did not the same imperative — keeping estates intact — always lie behind the British law of primogeniture, in which younger sons and all daughters are left landless, and the winner takes all? Was that ever fair? Look at the traditional chattel status of children, or the sheer convenience of having a double moral standard for men and women adulterers (women can more easily foist bastard pretenders on their lords). Come to that, what about the hot, inhumane horrors of the commuter-train, a social device that, by keeping the wives and children of the vocal middle-class tucked away in leafy lanes, saves everyone the trouble and expense of making the city centres clean and safe? Societies need building-blocks, and they take them.

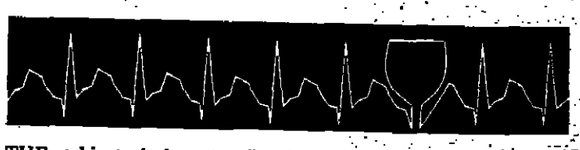
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Sudden death for heavy drinkers, the perils of gardening; and a dying child sent in search of a bed

A tipple too far



THE cabinet during the first world war frequently adjourned from 10 Downing Street to the small dining room hidden behind the coffee room at the Reform Club. The discussion, 77 years ago, would have been on the planned Somme offensive, which was to result in the sudden deaths of tens of thousands of young men. This week, the conversation was less bellicose and was concerned mainly with the decline in the quality of the wines from Canon-Fronsac in the 19th century, and with the recent revival — a revival that was soon put into perspective once a Château Gruaud-Larose was served.

Fortunately, wine drinking for most people is as harmless as it is pleasant, and is probably, in moderation, beneficial. But for some, those who develop liver damage from a weekly alcohol intake of more than 60-70 units of alcohol a week, sudden death can be the outcome. It may be more unexpected than on the Somme, but is equally final.

Contrary to the widely held belief that all heavy drinkers develop liver disease, only one in three do. Equally surprising is that death in this minority is more likely to occur as a result of a sudden heart arrhythmia than the disease.

Dr Christopher Day, a cardiologist at Newcastle University, has been studying sudden death in heavy drinkers. Dr Day's research, published in *The Lancet*, is supported by the British Heart Foundation and the British Digestive Foundation. His study has identified a sign on the ECG, the heart tracing, which will help doctors to spot those heavy drinkers with liver disease who are at risk from sudden death.

Heavy drinking can produce a variety of problems with the heart's rhythm. It is a phenomenon which so often occurs after an extra glass or two of brandy on holiday that doctors call it "holiday heart syndrome". The ominous sign on the ECG which can foretell liability to sudden death is a prolonged QT, the distance between two of the blips on the ECG tracing. This can be comparatively easily measured. If, after allowance has been made for the heart rate, the time taken for the trace to go from blip Q to blip T is more than 0.5 of a second, and the patient has proven liver damage, he or she has a high chance of developing a sudden fatal arrhythmia, often after a heavy drinking session.

Some people are born with a prolonged QT interval and their risk of sudden death, often following excitement, has long been recognised. Fortunately they can be successfully treated with beta-blockers. The same drugs seem to help the heavy drinker, not only by lowering the blood pressure but by reducing the sensitivity of the heart to a sudden excess of alcohol.

Professor Brian Pentecost, the medical director of the British Heart Foundation, is reassuring. A change in drinking habits seems to reverse the dangers of an acquired prolonged QT interval. Professor Pentecost also says that evidence continues to accumulate that a glass or two of wine a day reduces the likelihood of heart disease.

Even so, as the Château Bastor-Lamontagne and Château



MEDICAL BRIEFING
Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Rieussec were served with pudding and cheese at the Reform, it was reassuring to know that at least one of the older diners was taking beta-blockers.

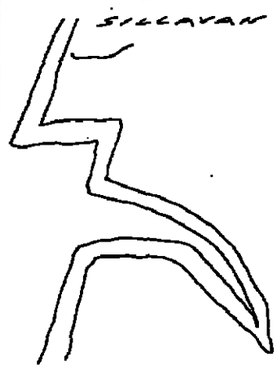
Beware of green thumbs

THE National Garden Scheme at this time of the year allows the public to admire the work of other people's green fingers. It is not, however, the green fingers that suffer during gardening but the thumbs. Repeatedly pushing down damp mould and humus around seedlings can damage the nail beds. Visitors to one Dorset garden noticed that the owner's thumbs were discreetly covered by surgical dressings. She had had to have the nails removed so that the fungal infection which had been growing beneath them could be treated.

Damage is, however, more likely to occur to nails on the athletics track, or the squash court than in the potting shed. Squash players and joggers are used to the problems of their big toe nails being damaged by repeated minor injuries inflicted on them by contact with the inside of their trainers. The nails become thickened and raised from the nail bed, which allows fungi, usually Trichophyton rubrum and Trichophyton mentagrophytes, to colonise the resulting space. The pressure from the inflamation and the collection of debris under the nail may permanently damage the nail bed so that any new nail would also grow deformed.

As well as keeping athlete's foot at bay by keeping the area dry and clean, and treated if necessary with fungicides, local treatment can also be applied to the nail bed. Trosyl is effective but slow. More recently, Lamisil has been used with great affect. Lamisil can be taken either by mouth, for up to three months to treat nail-bed infection, or used as a cream. Severely damaged nails may have to be removed.

No room at the hospital



ROWENA Kliszat, an 11-year-old asthma sufferer from Sedbergh, Cumbria, died this week in an ambulance on her way to Alderhey Hospital in Liverpool, 150 miles from her home.

When her asthma attack began she had been taken to the Royal Lancaster Hospital. Staff there decided that she needed intensive care but no beds were available at Lancaster, Preston or Manchester. The nearest hospital that could take her was the Alderhey. She died before she could get there.

The increase in the death rate from asthma over the past few years has now been stemmed by the introduction of treatment regimes for patients, which include immediate admission to hospital if breathing starts to become too laboured. The regime acknowledges that the degree of breathlessness cannot be gauged by a simple examination, either by an experienced doctor or parents, but must be measured with a peak flow meter. Routine treatment with inhalers is adjusted according to the amount of lung function which has been lost, if the loss exceeds a level previously agreed with the doctor in charge of the case, the patient is admitted to hospital at once. Immediacy is imperative.

Recent research has shown that, unlike the flow meters used in America on the Continent, the British ones, issued by the NHS, are inaccurate and could in some circumstances be dangerously misleading. *Mims* magazine reports that the manufacturers could, and would, bring British meters up to overseas standards but that the health department is not prepared to fund the change. It is estimated that 19 out of 20 of the deaths which occur from asthma could be prevented if standard treatment regimes were followed. But this implies that the meters will be of good quality, and beds available.

Suffering sealed by a kiss



Before Aids, herpes was the most hyped of sexually transmitted disease. Thousands still suffer from it. **Jeremy Laurance** reports

A decade ago it was the disease on everybody's lips (and other parts of their anatomy). Billy Graham thought it God's judgment on an immoral society. Thousands of people hit by it shunned the opposite sex for fear of passing it on. Women were afraid it caused cancer and stillbirths.

Today herpes is still with us but few are worried by it. The number of recorded sufferers trebled between the mid-1970s and the mid-1980s but has since levelled off. The "his and herpes" dating agencies, which offered the prospect of guilt-free sex with fellow victims, have gone out of business.

For sufferers, however, the stigma remains. Though cold sores on the face and lips are caused by the same class of virus as those on the genitals, one is regarded as an uncomfortable affliction while the other is seen as a sign of moral turpitude. Herpes was toppled from its perch as the most highly publicised sexually transmitted disease by Aids in the mid-1980s. Until then it was feared that it would spell the end of sexual pleasure for a few and the end of sexual freedom for all. The fear, however, proved more damaging than the disease.

Next week the Herpes Association is to publish a report showing how misrepresentation of the effects of herpes has increased the suffering of those affected by it. It will argue that in the vast majority of those infected, the virus has little effect but the continued peddling of damaging myths is causing unnecessary anxiety.

> For some sufferers, the social stigma is worse than the disease

The association also questions the reliability of the figures for the disease. In 1990, the latest year for which records are available, 12,300 new cases and 7,700 recurrences were recorded in sexually transmitted disease clinics, double the 10,000 cases overall recorded in 1980. However, it is uncertain whether this shows a true increase. The panic over herpes in the late 1970s and early 1980s and the development of a new treatment — the drug acyclovir — probably boosted the numbers seeking treatment.

Specialists say that the true number of people with genital herpes is many times that recorded in the statistics because many are only mildly affected and do not attend hospital clinics. Sufferers vary widely in the degree of pain and discomfort they are prepared to put up with.

The virus has been around for 2,000 years — the name comes from the Greek *herpein* meaning to creep — and it is estimated that 95 per cent of the population are infected with the Type I virus by middle age, although only 20 per cent show any symptoms. This prefers the lips but is increasingly a cause of genital herpes, too. The Type II virus favours the genitals and can be more persistent. Both types are normally spread by direct contact with the infected sores or ulcers by kissing, oral sex or sexual intercourse.

Once caught, herpes is for ever but it is not forever a cause of pain and suffering. The first attack of genital herpes is nearly always the worst and is often signalled with flu-like symptoms. Blisters, which may develop into painful sores, appear on the genitals. After this initial phase the symptoms usually subside, and attacks recur less frequently or even stop. Only one in ten sufferers are troubled by painful recurrent attacks, according to the Herpes Association.

However, some sufferers dispute this view. "Every book you read says the first attack hurts but after that it wears off," said one who has had recurrences for more than a decade. "It isn't true. People don't keep going to the doctor because there is no point. There's no cure."

There is disagreement among doctors over when to use the drug acyclovir, released in 1981 and still the only treatment available. Some specialists believe it should be reserved for use only in the worst affected cases but others use it more liberally.

Dr Nichol Thin, consultant in genito-urinary medicine with a special interest in herpes at St Thomas's hospital, London, says that anyone getting attacks eight to 12 times a year or more should be considered for continuous treatment with the drug on a daily basis to suppress the symptoms. "In hospital we see the severely affected patients who have attacks lasting around 10 days. They have a fortnight on and a fortnight off. They are having a miserable time."

The drug is effective in almost all cases, he says, and does not wear off. "But it is a bit of a bore to be taking pills all the time, even when you have no attack." However, there are worries about cost, at over £30 a week per patient, and long-term safety.

For some sufferers, the social stigma is worse than the disease. These patients are extremely troubled by the notion that they have an incurable condition even though their physical symptoms may be mild. They have difficulty coming to terms with what it means for their sex lives and making the necessary adjustments. They may need counselling or therapy.

Fears that the disease may be a cause of cervical cancer, which added to the scare in the early 1980s, have receded. Both conditions are associated with the level of sexual activity which accounts for their apparent link. The more sex you have the more likely you are to get herpes and cervical cancer.

Specialists, however, regret the way in which the disease has slipped from view. Research funds once devoted to finding a cure have been diverted to Aids. Now that herpes is considered a nuisance rather than a danger, sufferers are expected to put up and shut up.

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Intimate disease: a detail from Hercules and Omphale, by François Boucher (1703-1770), painted between 1731-34. The work is in The State Pushkin Museum, Moscow

Months of misery are only just beginning for millions of hay fever sufferers

Why more of us are sneezing

SUMMER finally arrived last weekend and the great British public stripped off and flocked outdoors, unabashed by pallid potbellies and flabby thighs. But for an increasing minority, those with hay fever, the hot, dry weather promised only weeks of misery.

As temperatures in the South East rivalled those in Barbados and the Bahamas, GPs reported that the number of patients seeking help for breathing difficulties had increased eight-fold over the past six weeks.

Dr Jean Emberlin, director of the Pollen Research Unit at the University of North London, predicted that this week would be the year's worst for the one in five people thought to suffer from hay fever. Recent conditions are providing the ideal trigger for serious attacks, as the heat combines with high pollen levels and car exhaust fumes to create a poisonous cocktail.

"Last Saturday was the first really dry, sunny day we have had this year and the backlog of pollen took to the air. Record amounts were recorded in some places. This was coupled with very high pollution levels and, although we are waiting for the official figures, all the anecdotal evidence suggests that hay fever and asthma attacks rocketed," she said.

Hay fever rates have not yet matched last year's record figures but, Dr Emberlin says, they may still do so. "Last May was a lot warmer and drier than this year, but it looks like a long, hot summer is beginning now and things could get much more unpleasant."

An unlucky combination of weather conditions stretching back to last August has made matters worse. Last autumn was warm and wet, conducive to high pollen production. Then a cold spell in December helped to break the winter dormancy of many tree species, allowing them to respond to warm weather early in the spring. A long, wet spring then helped trees to flower exceptionally early and the grass to grow long.

In the past 20 years, reported cases of hay fever in Britain have risen fourfold thanks to a mosaic of factors, of which air pollution is the principal culprit. Research has shown that exposure to vehicle-exhaust pollution doubles the likelihood of hay fever sufferers developing symptoms.

The main air pollutant thought responsible is nitrogen dioxide, which is produced by car exhausts. Fiona Weir, a Friends of the Earth air quality expert, said: "It is common in this country for nitrogen dioxide levels to exceed EC recommendations."

THE OTHER major pollutant is ozone, the result of car exhaust and industrial fumes reacting together to form a Los Angeles-type smog. In the stratosphere, ozone protects us from the sun's dangerous rays, but at lower levels it can cause great discomfort for the elderly, the very young and people with chest problems.

Ozone is produced in congested city centres, but its effects can spread for miles. Ms Weir says: "People can go to the beach at Brighton to escape the city car fumes and come back choking and spluttering." Ozone levels were "poor" in the South East, South West, East Anglia, Hertfordshire, North Yorkshire and Oxfordshire yesterday, all with levels of above 90 parts per billion molecules. The World Health Organisation says a level of 76 parts per billion can cause damage.

Those hoping to protect themselves indoors may find no respite. More and more people are showing signs of sensitivity to household allergens, such as dust. This, according to Dr Emberlin, is because buildings have become more heavily insulated, causing potential allergens to build up.

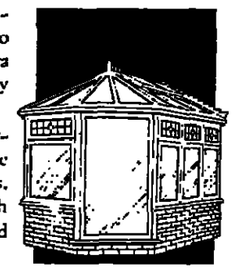
Psychological factors can also have an effect. Studies have shown that hay fever gets worse when people are under stress, such as the thousands of students taking exams right now.

If all this sounds like bad news, things can only get worse. Rather than building up a resistance to pollen, research shows that people's defence systems actually become weaker as the summer goes on. Until the end of July, all hay fever sufferers can do is take their prescribed tablets, stay indoors in the early morning and evening when pollen counts are highest, keep their car and bedroom windows closed, and try to distract themselves with the other summer nightmare: how to get a safe suntan.

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■ Three decks of men in a boat, not forgetting the slaves

From the University Boat Race to Dogget's Coat and Badge, rowing on the Thames tideway is more prudently left to backward-facing hearties with hands like bunches of over-ripe bananas than to backward-looking intellectuals. These are dark and dangerous waters, ebbing and flowing fast past the bridges and murderous container barges of London, and as likely to poison as drown you. But next week rowing, history and symbolism will all be pulling heroically together at Putney for the visit of the Greek navy's *Olympias*, the first trireme to be built and floated for 22 centuries.

This is a modern reconstruction of the ancient warship that gave Athens control of the Mediterranean, and was the imperial killing machine of the first short-lived democracy in the 5th century BC. Its arrival at Putney is first of all a victory for oarsmanship. Rowing one of these huge old boats is no punting picnic, with champagne and readings of medieval Latin poetry. Contemporaries such as Aristophanes joked about the cramped and smelly conditions of the thalamites, the squat rowers who drew the short straw and heaved an oar in the bottom tier without being able to see their oars, and were as likely as submariners to be suddenly zapped into the wine-dark sea. For the 85 oarsmen and women of one of the alternate crews in three shelves to pull in unison, packed like sardines in a tin, *Olympias* is a triumph of dexterity and brevity over claustrophobia. They are even starting to reinvent some of the long-forgotten lethal trireme tactics, such as instant backing-water and U-turns faster and flashier than any politician's.

The reconstruction of the *Olympias* is the result of scholarly detective work that began with a classic *Times* correspondence in 1975. The only evidence of the size and performance of the beaked warship, the battering ram with a human engine of free citizens, is imprecisely literary, and some trireme sheds at the Piraeus, which give the overall dimensions. As early as the 5th century AD, Zosimus reported that the secret of building triremes, the nuclear weapons of their age, had been forgotten. In *The Times* 20 years ago, classicists, archaeologists, naval draftsmen and amateur eccentrics argued for months, and could not even agree whether the oars were arranged in tiers or staggered.

Reinventing the trireme is also a cherry for historical nostalgia. The Battle of Salamis, in which the allied Greek fleet shattered the Persians with its oars, was probably more significant for the future of Europe than the Battle of Hastings. Without it, Oxford might today be teaching little other than the obscurantism of the Koran. Reading the report of the battle in the great harbour of Syracuse, which destroyed Athenian power and infant democracy, one can feel the hair on the nape of one's neck bristle when reading of the Athenians on the shore cheering and groaning as their boats charged and sank.

The Greek founding fathers of Western civilisation can be over-romanticised. Democracy was confined to a brief period in the history of only one of their cities. Sparta, admired by totalitarian Plato, was a closed and laconic society, more racist and élitist than most that came after. Democracy in Athens was reserved for male Athenian citizens, leaving out four-fifths of the population such as women, slaves, foreigners and other lesser breeds. It often failed, as at Syracuse and with the execution of Socrates, and went down to Philip of Macedon and then the Romans.

But the most distinctive features of European civilisation really were first discovered by Athenians. They invented the radical idea of equality for all male citizens, as opposed to servility and treatment of their leaders as gods. They introduced the dangerous idea that a citizen should say what he thought rather than what will please his masters. And the middle and lower classes manned their warships and rowed for Athens with astonishing technology that we can only now just copy, and with stupendous results.

Athenian democracy was not perfect, and it was brief, but it set moving an idea which, imperfect as it is, is the best way to organise humans in society. And its machine was the boat we shall see, fossil of our democracy, splashing around the Thames next week, let us hope without crabs or collisions.



A glimpse inside the 'even if' administration

Norman Lamont's attack on John Major confirms the fears of many Tories, but will not in itself topple the prime minister

William Rees-Mogg

I doubt Norman Lamont has done to John Major what Geoffrey Howe did to Margaret Thatcher. In both speeches there was a dagger and it was driven home, but Geoffrey Howe differed from Margaret Thatcher on a profound issue of policy: the whole future of Britain's relationship with Europe. Apart from the question of the independence of the Bank of England, Norman Lamont is more notable for agreeing with John Major on economic policy than for disagreeing with him. They are both, for better or for worse, orthodox Treasury men; both have been scarred by the experience of leaving the exchange-rate mechanism. Their differences have indeed concerned presentation rather than policy.

There was a crucial moment during the prime minister's speech in the debate on economic policy which followed Mr Lamont's resignation statement. The prime minister had been outlining his doubts about the European Monetary System and the ERM. Sir Peter Tapsell, who has great experience of finance and carries weight with his backbench colleagues, rose to express his satisfaction with the policy that had been outlined. It was Sir Peter who made the outstanding speech during the committee stage of the Maastricht bill, criticising the proposals for a European central bank. Mr Lamont and Mr Major are still in complete agreement in their extreme caution about the ERM and the EMS. They are closer to the Euro-sceptics than the Eurofanatics.

One odd thing about the dismissal of Mr Lamont was that he was fired for carrying out the agreed policy of the government. He obviously thinks that he was thrown overboard because Sir Norman Fowler, the chairman of the Conservative party was panicked by the press criticism, and put so much pressure on the prime minster that John Major felt he had to let his Chancellor go. This view seems to be confirmed by the prime minister's subsequent statements that Mr Lamont was an excellent Chancellor, that the policy was right and that the policy will not be changed. If that is so, why did he fire him?

One must have some sympathy with the position in which Mr Lamont finds himself. As Chancellor he inherited a recession and an economic policy based on British membership of the ERM. He carried out the policy that he inherited, which became very unpopular as the recession deepened and the ERM was distorted by high German interest rates. Yet he surely made a mistake in not insisting on resigning when Britain left the ERM. He had been responsible for the ERM policy, and it did collapse. If the prime minister persuaded him not to resign last September, he did him a disservice. Mr Lamont's resignation statement was dignified and interesting, though undoubtedly resentful. He was not at all a lucky Chancellor.

Geoffrey Howe's resignation and his attack on Mrs Thatcher came at a time when she was immediately vulnerable, and it almost forced Michael Heseltine to stand against her. Mr Lamont's accusations of short-termism, of undue deference to polls and pundits, and his description of a government repeatedly blown off course by the gusts of politics will do damage. He has been Chancellor throughout this administration, and he ought to know its faults. If he says the government is too easily moved by the needs of presentation rather than policy, no one outside the cabinet is in a position to contradict him. But there is no immediate leadership contest. By the time the next one comes, Mr Lamont's charges will be old news. They weaken but do not in themselves destroy Mr Major's hold on his party.

There is however, a calendar of events. There is the Christchurch by-election which the Conservatives will probably lose. That may come in July. In the autumn there will be the Conservative party conference. I have been surprised by the weighty letters critical of the government I have been receiving from Conservative activists, and by the scarcity of letters supporting Mr Major. At the Conservative party conference the mood will probably be very critical. This goes well beyond the complaints of recession: retired soldiers are angry about defence cuts, doctors about the problems of the health service, county councillors feel that the government lost them their seats, and so on. Maastricht is very unpopular with many Conservatives in the country because it is associated with the recession and fixed exchange rates. Indeed Mr Major's speech yesterday left one thinking that he supports Maastricht only because he signed the confounded thing. The impression was that if he had been an ordinary backbencher, he might well have voted against it.

The most dangerous events come next year, with the local government elections in May and the European elections in June. By that time the government must have recovered its morale and greatly improved its standing in the polls if the Conservative party is not to insist on a new leader. I expect that Mr Major will prove to be a good enough politician to be able to judge the reality if it faces him. He does not strike me as the sort of person who fights for power to the stroke of midnight and beyond. He has determination, but not that sort of heroic will. He is not Wagnerian — perhaps not Wagnerian enough for his own good. He is too sensitive rather than too tough.

At some point the chairman of the Tory party and the chief whip may come round to tell the prime minister that his position cannot be sustained, just as they came to say the same to him about Norman Lamont. Mr Major sacrificed Mr Lamont without a difference of policy, without a breach of friendship — at least on Mr Major's side — over a glass of whisky with Richard Ryder. He felt he had no choice. Next time the chief whip comes round to Downing Street, Mr Major would be well advised to keep the whisky locked up.

Of course this government is very tired. The Conservatives have been in power for 14 years. Few of them have had the invaluable experience of opposition, at least in any senior position. The new ideas that bubble so freely in opposition have not sparkled for many years. Nor is there the steady and sober pursuit of effective policies: Mr Lamont is surely right about that.

There is an "even if" feeling about this administration. Even if they get through the damage of the Lamont statement, even if they get over the loss of Christchurch, even if they get through the party conference — what is it all for? What prospect is there of strong and successful Conservative government in the 1990s? Where is the energy, where is the mind?

Each week seems to present its fresh difficulty, its fresh disappointment. There may be other horrors, small or great, which have not yet been put on the agenda. I would agree that Asil Nadir's watch is not a hanging matter, but it was a very silly gift for a minister to make to a man charged with serious fraud. They could have done without that. If Mr Lamont seems in retrospect to be an uncommonly unlucky Chancellor, with regard to little events as well as big ones, is not Mr Major also an unlucky prime minister?

He is still lost in the magic thicket, from which he seems to be quite unable to extricate himself. When a prime minister is trapped in that part of the wood, every event turns against him. Whatever he does is wrong. He was wrong to keep Mr Lamont after the world had lost confidence in the Chancellor. He was wrong to sack Mr Lamont as the agent of an agreed policy. One can feel sorry for Mr Lamont; one can feel sorry for Mr Major. The Conservative party will not feel sorry for long. Like Winston Churchill in the war, the Conservative party is interested only in generals who win battles, not in those who lose them for the best of reasons. To me, John Major looks more like Aitchinleck than a Montgomery.

Outflank the IRA bombers

Edward Heath proposes a counter-terrorism initiative

Next year will mark the 25th anniversary of the start of the current troubles in Northern Ireland. The appalling consequences are still brought home to us day after day. Yet, a Home Office statement was issued yesterday which said that "there are already in place effective arrangements for countering the terrorist threat". Effective? What nonsense. After Warrington? After the City of London bombing? After all that has happened in Northern Ireland? This statement epitomises the arrogant smugness of the home office.

We are no nearer to breaking the terrorists than we were in 1969, and this is all the more disturbing when our record against terrorism is compared to that of our European neighbours.

It is now time to take a fresh look at the problem of terrorist activity in Britain. We must become better at assembling intelligence, more effective at using it, and more skilful in pursuing a political settlement. In brief, we must be cleverer than the terrorists in every respect.

The first thing which needs urgently to be done, is to give a senior minister control of a unified national anti-terrorist agency. We need only look across the Channel to see what can be achieved in the fight against terrorism. The fact that the Red Army Factions in Germany, or Action Directe in France, or the Red Brigades in Italy have been virtually defeated is testament to the success of our European neighbours' response to terrorism, as distinct from organised crime. Only the terrorists of the Basque regions of Spain and the paramilitary forces in Northern Ireland remain undefeated. However, there is not one EC country that has succeeded in defeating terrorism without first establishing a proper national, central agency. Too many lives have now been lost for Britain to ignore the European lessons in combating terrorism.

I welcomed last year's decision to give MI5 the leading role in intelligence gathering. This is obviously a step forward, but the task of combating terrorism remains far too fragmented. The present mixture of 52 regional police forces, together with Special Branch, the anti-terrorist squad, MI5, MI6 and military intelligence leads to delay, confusion and poor communication. The appointment of the former head of the anti-terrorist squad, Commander George Churchill-Coleman was a token gesture. He lacks the proper powers and resources to tackle the IRA.

The appointment of a minister for terrorism, with a seat in the cabinet, and the sole responsibility to lead a unified anti-terrorist agency, staffed by the best specialists in intelligence, policing, explosives and terrorist fraud would be a major step in combating the IRA. Such an agency would not only ensure more efficient co-ordination of intelligence and operational planning, it would also carry the political clout of the prime minister and the cabinet. Such reform is essential to establish a more stable framework within which the governments of both London and Dublin can pursue a political settlement.

In terms of improving security within the City of London, there are several relatively simple measures which can be taken to reduce the possibility of further terrorist attacks. For example, parking could be strictly limited in certain areas at all times. Vehicles entering the City could be limited to buses, taxis and a small number of others. The number of police on the beat could be increased. Private banks and companies could be given tax incentives to invest in security video cameras. After all, such cameras proved their worth in apprehending the Harrods bombers. Of course, some say that putting a ring of steel around the City would give the terrorists a moral victory. However, these measures would hardly constitute a radical change in the City's security policy, and the inconvenience would be a small price.

Ultimately however, the IRA will not be defeated by the military, the police and the intelligence services alone. New political, social and economic measures must be introduced to address the basic grievances of the disaffected sections of the population in Northern Ireland.

It is now up to the British government to take the lead, and to drive through a constitutional reform programme which provides a power-sharing system acceptable to moderates in both communities, and to London and Dublin. As I said in the Commons on Tuesday, it is unfortunately the case that if we are to achieve a settlement of this sort, the Rev Ian Paisley and his ilk will have to be excluded from the negotiations. They do not want agreement now, and they have always done everything possible to prevent agreement in the past.

The paramilitaries on both sides have been encouraged by the lack of direction in the political debate. By seizing the initiative, the British government would give its Northern Ireland policy clear purpose, and so rob both the IRA and loyalist terrorists of the fuel of political uncertainty which fires their violence.

The situation in Northern Ireland is intense and I am not criticising Her Majesty's forces or the Royal Ulster Constabulary. Not enough emphasis is placed on the very good work they do, often in extremely difficult circumstances. The problem lies instead with the overall direction of government policy — and it is this which we must now address if we are to defeat the terrorists and achieve a political settlement. Her Majesty's government must now tackle this task.

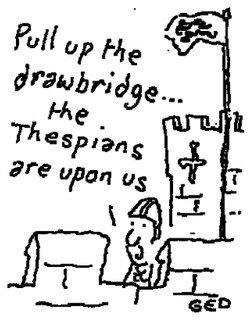
Bowing out fast

THE FLAMBOYANT nature of Lord Rix's resignation from the Arts Council has set the arts world alight with speculation over who, of the 17 council members, might provide the next dramatic exit. Rix, still affectionately remembered as the master of British farce, warns that there remains "a great deal of despondency" at the council.

The council is understandably nervous. It says it has not yet heard of any resignations pending, but admits there are troubles afoot. "I think they [council members] are certainly fed up with the Department of National Heritage continually reviewing and restructuring the council, and not letting it get on with the job of funding for the arts," a spokesman says.

Among those said to be considering their position closely is Beverly Anderson, the academic who was recently appointed chief executive of the Book Trust. Although Anderson refuses to comment, she is one of the more punchy members of the council and is said to be particularly upset at the withdrawal of government funding for touring arts companies. She chairs the council's touring board, many of whose members apparently threatened to resign at a recent meeting over funding cuts.

Lord Rix actually resigned from the council last month but was persuaded to delay the announcement until the highly critical report of the Arts Council by the accountants Price Waterhouse had been published. Nevertheless, he is diplomatic about whether others will follow his lead. "I kept things very much to myself and didn't discuss my resignation with anyone," he says. The Arts Council, however is braced.



DIARY

● *John Major was not the only Tory politician feeling glum after Norman Lamont's resignation speech. David Mellor, Lamont's former Treasury colleague, who was the last minister to make a resignation speech, has been left with egg all over his face. After lunching with Lamont at the fashionable £80-a-head Tante Claire restaurant in Chelsea on Friday, Mellor wrote authoritatively in Monday's* Evening Standard: *"To imagine that Norman Lamont can't wait to add to the government's present miseries is to once again underestimate Norman Lamont. He is too big a man, too decent and warm-hearted to pull the roof of the House of Commons down on to the heads of his colleagues this week." Not, presumably, John Major's view after Lamont sat down yesterday.*

Wild life

RURAL life would surely not be the same without the tidy discipline of the Best Kept Village competition, but that bible of the shires, *Country Life*, maintains it might well be improved. In a leader this week the magazine boldly calls for the competition to be scrapped.

The editorial admits that this conclusion was reached after one of its correspondents was hounded out of his Leicestershire village because his garden looked too unkempt. The magazine declines to name him, but he is in fact Adam Nicolson, a man of impeccable horticultural credentials, being the grandson of Harold Nicolson and Vita Sackville-West, creators of the Sissinghurst gardens. Their grandson, however, tends towards a wilderness look, which appalled the so-called Aga-louts. "I manage my garden as a wild garden," he says. "But some of the villagers did not see it as such. I used to get anonymous notes about weeding, then a trowel and fork placed at my door. Eventually, a deputation came and blamed me for the fact that they lost. So we moved out. We live in London now."

What, the Diary wondered, would the waspish Linda Snell of *The Archers* think of the suggestion that the contest should disappear? "To abolish it would be a shame because I thoroughly enjoyed Ambridge's participation," said Carole Boyd, who plays the character. "Sadly, the discovery of a human jaw bone in the pond ruined our chances last time." Nicolson clearly got off lightly.

● *In honour of Crown Prince Naruhito and his new bride, the Tokyo authorities painted all the public telephones along the packed processional route gold, at a cost of £65 each. If Prince Edward ever names the day, can we please have our red telephone boxes back?*

Princely offer

THE Maastricht treaty is not the only thing occupying the mind of Lord Hesketh, government chief whip in the Lords. He is also deliberating over another delicate matter which could have profound implications for the future of the royal family.

He has received a letter from an unnamed African chief with an unusual proposition. Having read about the problems in the marriages of the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York and the fact that Prince Edward is still single, the chief suggests a trade-off. "He is offering his three daughters to the Queen for her three sons at a knockdown price of so many oxen," says Hesketh.

In case Hesketh had any doubts about the authenticity of the offer the chief has enclosed a photograph of his voluptuous daughters, wearing necklaces and little else.

Essex appeal

NOT only ministers write their memoirs. David Amess, the MP for Basildon, whose victory in the 1992 election was the first sign that the Tories had won again, is writing the final chapter of his political career thus far.

Called *"How to become a Member of Parliament for Basildon"*, Amess is the first to admit it will not have the same impact as Alan Clark's *Diaries*. "There is a market for it. I just need a publisher," says Amess.

The irrepressible Amess has also been making a record in a Romford studio. The chorus goes something like this: "Vote vote vote for David Amess, David Amess is the man for you. If you want to be a true blue, and to air your points of view, then David Amess is the man for you." At least it's shorter than his memoirs.

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THE WAY OUT

Mr Lamont's exit line contained sour truth and sweet revenge

The fall of John Major came closer yesterday. The prime minister was caught off guard, like the Singapore fortress in 1942, with his carefully polished guns aimed limply into empty sea. His advisers had prepared him a speech assaulting the Labour party. The text might have worked well enough if the threat had come from John Smith alone. Instead the bullets came from four rows behind the prime minister's back. Mr Major's words could not be turned in time. Norman Lamont crept up slowly: for fifteen minutes he delivered only apologia and ironic goodwill. Then he struck. The target merely tottered yesterday: but the Tory party is left counting its tomorrows.

Mr Lamont described a government that was weak-minded, lacking in confidence and led by party managers rather than political philosophy. He described a prime minister who had bequeathed him an inflexible set of policies, who had begged him to stay in office when those policies so spectacularly failed and who had sacked him when the opinion polls told him to do so. From a man who had led John Major's leadership campaign and been both neighbour and knowing friend, it was brutal exposure. There was no sweetness in the picture of prime ministerial manners yesterday, only sweetness in the revenge.

In the days after the Cabinet reshuffle the managers of Number Ten had hoped that Mr Lamont would disappear into the City, rebuild his personal capital and leave politics alone. That was always a forlorn expectation: politics is the sole grand passion for Mr Lamont. Then it was said that the former Chancellor lacked the weight of Sir Geoffrey Howe and would never be able to do to Mr Major what Sir Geoffrey had so devastatingly done to Mrs Thatcher. That was a more reasonable expectation. Mr Lamont is not as influential or popular as was Sir Geoffrey. This is not the season for leadership challenges. There is no named alternative, no new Michael Heseltine waiting to follow up the opening assault. But the daggers in the smiles of watching Tory MPs told much. If the prime minister is not assuredly a doomed fortress, he is increasingly seen as a slow-moving vessel, holed around the waterline, whose survival depends not on his own skills but on the incompetence of his enemies.

Mr Major may still defeat those expectations. But he will require greater skill and determination than he has ever shown in the great political arena. The home secretary, Michael Howard, set out on the opposite page yesterday the achievements of Mr Major's administration. It is not a negligible list. But past achievements alone will persuade MPs and voters of future benefits. The prime minister needs to show leadership and commitment on a scale he has not yet approached during this parliament. It is not enough to be an admired chairman of committees, a steady steerer of programmes.

He needs to decide where he wants to lead Britain and why. He needs to recognise that contempt for rhetoric is a ready sign of contempt for ideas. Downing Street is not working. He needs different eyes and ears and minds to aid him. He needs to exert greater discipline; he needs to stop talking about how difficult the exertion of discipline now is. All prime ministers need sometimes to be pragmatic, short-termist, sharp-fingered and worse. All successful prime ministers need to hide those traits better than Mr Major has. He must heed the truths that came yesterday from so close to home. Or he is going, almost gone.

MUCH ADO ABOUT LITTLE

English tests are not the real cause of the teaching dispute

In a saner world, this week's national English tests for 14-year-olds would have been published, glanced at by interested parents and then forgotten. Yet because the examinations are at the centre of the most comprehensive industrial action since the miners' strike, they have been scrutinised with fascination. After all the fuss, their sheer blandness is full of bathos. Rarely has something so utterly anodyne stirred so much rancour.

Like all public examinations, of course, the tests have flaws. It might be asked, for instance, whether multiple choice questions are an appropriate way of assessing verbal facility. Yesterday's Shakespeare paper, which sparked the teachers' boycott in the first place, is heavily criticised in *The Times* today by John Marenbon, who resigned as a government adviser last month. He complains, with apparent force, that the marking scheme in this paper is too rigid and the questions still too vague. Such shortcomings are partly a reflection of the pitiful manner in which the tests were piloted.

But parents reading the tests and expecting something as contentious as the poll tax or the pit closures must have been startled by the reassuring familiarity of the questions which 600,000 teenagers were meant to face this week. Monday's comprehension paper invited candidates to pick out descriptive phrases, explain imagery and turn dialogue into reported speech.

The selected texts, ranging from an account of a sailing trip to the job specification for airline cabin crew, were as uncontroversial as it is possible to be. The only charge one could seriously level at the paper is that of dullness.

Parents must indeed be asking themselves what all the fuss has been about. They may reflect that it has had little to do with the tests themselves. Teachers have rightly complained about the work-load which the national curriculum has forced upon them: the 1988 Education Reform Act was too much too late, spawning a bureaucratic monster that buried the sound principle of standardised testing in paperwork.

Last month, John Patten, the education secretary, conceded this essential point, promising that compulsory testing for children of seven and 14 would be limited to English, mathematics and science. Ministers are also considering farming out some or all of the marking to external examiners, reducing the burden upon teachers and the vulnerability of the tests to union sabotage.

Because Mr Patten and the teaching lobby have found it impossible to find common ground, all parties in the dispute are pinning their hopes on Sir Ron Dearing's review of the national curriculum, which delivers its preliminary report in six weeks. Those who support national testing must hope that the Dearing enquiry does not heed teachers' calls for fewer pencil-and-paper examinations and more classroom assessment: a sure way of limiting the validity of the tests and increasing teachers' workload.

But parents should be under no illusions about the battle that lies ahead. A dispute that began as a row over a single examination paper has become a crisis of authority in the nation's classrooms. Last week, the National Association of Head Teachers, usually considered a moderate force, made its most strident declaration yet against testing and school league tables.

When the heads jeered Mr Patten, they not only displayed manners which they would chastise in their own pupils; they also served notice that they intended to obstruct the government's reforms at every turn. The more radical unions will not be far behind. However emollient and measured the Dearing review turns out to be, it will not pacify the teaching lobby or bring peace to British education. The blandness of this week's tests should not fool anyone into complacency.

IMPUGNING INNOCENCE

It is grotesque to suggest that a child is sexually culpable

This week's comments by Judge Ian Starforth Hill QC have added to the notorious history of outrageous remarks by elderly judges. His suggestion that an eight-year-old girl was partly responsible for the sexual assault made on her lacks even the remote credibility of past court judgments which implied that adult rape victims were scarcely less culpable than their attackers. A mature woman may at least plausibly be described as knowing what risks she is running. An eight-year-old, whatever her personal history, should never be regarded in law as anything but innocent.

Judge Hill's choice of words was particularly unfortunate: by saying that the child was "no angel", he implied that her innocence was already corrupted and that this absolved any would-be abuser from full responsibility. Such was the mitigating effect of her lack of innocence that the man who attempted to have unlawful intercourse with a child did not receive a custodial sentence. Almost every statement made by Judge Hill in passing sentence was at least contentious, and at worst simply wrong.

First, he appears to have accepted uncritically the claim made by the defence counsel, Miss Janice Brennan, that the girl had had "a lot of sexual experience". This is contested by the police, who say that the alleged "sex gang" with whom she was involved consisted of nothing more than a bunch of prepubescent children lifting their shirts to reveal their upper bodies to one another.

But even if this child had had the misfortune of being subjected to real sexual encounters, this could only have been the fault of exploitative or neglectful adults. It is quite grotesque to suggest that she is morally responsible for any abuse she may have suffered in the past and imply that this made her fair game for further sexual predation.

On the one hand, Judge Hill acknowledged that the girl being "not entirely an angel herself was "no excuse" for Karl Gambrill to have assaulted her. But setting Gambrill free while referring explicitly to the child's supposed sexual history suggests that it did indeed constitute an excuse. Then too, the judge made the surprising observation that as Gambrill was only 18 at the time of the offence, he was not to be regarded "as a grown man". But an 18-year-old is regarded as a man in law.

This case can only add credibility to depictions of the judicial system as being prejudiced in favour of male sexual attackers and against female victims — even those as young as eight. Now the Attorney General, Sir Nicholas Lyall, is to review the sentence. He has 28 days in which to decide whether to submit it to the Court of Appeal. It is to be hoped that this opportunity will be used to restore confidence in the fair-mindedness of the justice system.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Doubts on role of British Council

From Mr Anthony Fitzpatrick

Sir, Your leader ("The limits of diplomacy", May 31) extolled the virtues of both the BBC World Service and the British Council. Whilst I agree that the former contributes enormously to Britain's influence abroad, I am rather doubtful about the latter.

The British Council has been required in recent years to generate more of its own income. It does this by selling English language services and by project management of overseas education projects, primarily for aid donors. This requires it to compete with the very companies and institutions which it is supposed to represent — with its direct teaching operations it is in direct competition with language schools, and as a supplier of project management services with British institutions active in this field.

As a result, it is compromised in its representative role when dealing, for example, with World Bank contracts in which other British organisations might have an interest.

The tax advantages which the council enjoys give it an unfair advantage over small British companies running language schools, and its publicly subsidised offices around the world give it an unbeatable marketing advantage in securing overseas contracts, often in competition with British companies and universities.

Criticism of the council in many British educational institutions is muted because of its great power of patronage, and if the council was required to compete on equal terms it might temper the high-handed approach resented by some of its beneficiaries overseas.

Britain's capacity to meet the huge demand for education services throughout the world is underdeveloped, compared, for example, with that of the USA or Canada, and to a large extent the British Council's domination in this area has discouraged others.

The British Council has a very important role to play in representing Britain — but should restrict itself to this representative function. The government should provide sufficient funding for it to carry out these functions adequately and independently and require the council to franchise out its income-generating activities.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY FITZPATRICK,
Hohemarkstr. 196B,
DW-6370 Oberursel, Germany.
June 4.

Mastery in Belgrade

From Sir Alfred Sherman

Sir, As a friend of Dobrica Cosic, may I counter the personal aspersions in your report of June 3, "Cosseted police keep Milosevic the master of Belgrade".

It is not true that Mr Cosic "discovered a disturbing taste for the trappings of power, chauffeur-driven cars and comfortable living". He went on living in his modest flat in Belgrade, where a couple of weeks ago our lunch of soup and stuffed vine leaves was prepared and served by his wife. True, there was a policeman on duty outside his home; but so was one there long ago when Cosic was "under restriction" for criticising the anti-Serb policies which Tito inherited from his Comintern days.

It is not very good history to claim that Milosevic brought Cosic in last year "to boost his fortunes". Cosic returned to the fringes of politics some years ago, and was involved near the top as far back as 1990.

Milosevic, for whom personal power has always counted much more than policy, fears new threats to his position because of his support for the Vance-Owen plan against the Bosnian Serbs. Cosic, who agonised over the Vance-Owen decision, believing it might lead to the end of the lethal blockade against Serbia, could conceivably have become a focus for opposition, civil or military. Paradoxically, he is now more likely to become one, and effective at that.

Yours faithfully,
ALFRED SHERMAN,
14 Malvern Court,
Onslow Square, SW7.

Travel tips

From Dr Christopher Board

Sir, I refer to Mr Buckley's letter (June 8) suggesting that our motorways should be named in the French style. Would it not be more helpful to road users to adopt the excellent German practice of naming motorway junctions after local places?

We already have to remember far too many numbers, especially PINs and codes on doors to secure spaces, for any but the most regular traveller to learn that junctions are numbered clockwise on the M25 from the Dartford tunnel; but that there is no number 1.

Should not the driver going west on the M4 expect the junction after 4 to be numbered 5, rather than 4b, or 15 as on the M25? Perhaps for reasons such as this I suspect that few of us are prepared to use motorway junction numbers. Yet the emergency services, motoring organisations and the new computerised navigation aids persist in trying to force us to do so.

May we look forward on the M4 to passing "Sipson", crossing the M25 at "Thorney" before Windsor Castle comes into view at "Langley"?

Yours etc,
CHRISTOPHER BOARD,
London School of Economics & Political Science,
Department of Geography,
Houghton Street, WC2.
June 8.

From Dr A. W. F. Edwards

Sir, The naming of motorways apart, their numbering still leaves something to be desired.

It would be very much easier to find one's way on to the M25 in the correct direction if the clockwise and anti-clockwise carriageways had different numbers.

Yours sincerely,
A. W. F. EDWARDS,
Nickersons, High Street,
Barton, Cambridge.
June 9.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Welfare not as Beveridge intended

From the General Secretary of the National Conference of Friendly Societies

Sir, Correlli Barnett (letters, June 3) draws attention to the warning voices raised at the time over the possible long-term expense of implementing the proposals in the Beveridge report of 1942. Yet the welfare system that was introduced by the post-war government bore little resemblance to that conceived by Beveridge and, in the event, has proved to have even greater long-term cost implications than those which disturbed Sir Kingsley Wood and others in 1942.

Beveridge envisaged a funded system, introduced gradually over a period of 20 years, for which responsibility was divided between the state, the individual and what he called "voluntary action" (by which he meant the banding together of ordinary people for mutual aid). He said that friendly societies represented the most important form of voluntary action.

The welfare state that has evolved, however, is a "pay-as-you-go" system, in which today's taxpayers fund the benefits for today's recipients; where there are means-tested add-on payments on which 10 million people are dependent and which create the heaviest burdens at times when taxpayers are least able to bear them and where "voluntary action" — the third vital element of Beveridge's vision — is not only lacking but is positively discouraged.

While the state welfare system has been allowed to grow to monstrous proportions, the concept of voluntary action, as embodied by the friendly societies, has been neglected. If the problems posed by today's welfare state are ever to be properly addressed, a prominent place must be found for friendly societies and other forms of voluntary action.

One need only read Beveridge's works to appreciate the enormous importance he attached to friendly societies and the great potential that he knew they offered. The friendly society movement itself is eager to fulfil that potential in the years ahead. We are at present producing proposals for ministers and others which will at last provide a valuable role for this vital, but hitherto ignored, aspect of Beveridge's original concept.

Yours faithfully,
MARION POOLE,
General Secretary,
National Conference of Friendly Societies,
Park Gate, 21 Tothill Street, SW1.
June 3.

From Mr Jonathan Zoob

Sir, Mr Vann (letter, May 27) appears to subscribe to the commonly held view that an individual's national insurance contributions form an account from which in due course he will be paid a pension on terms agreed at the outset.

Since the abolition of the "contribution principle" in the 1959 National Insurance Act this has been a myth. In practice there is no such thing as a National Insurance Fund, as the contributions of today's workers and employers are immediately paid out to today's pensioners. To expect there to be some relationship between contributions made and benefits received is as misguided as to think that each person's car tax should be used to maintain the road in front of their house.

Whether this gives the government the right to vary benefits which it has led us to expect is another matter.

Yours sincerely,
JONATHAN ZOOB,
The Garden Flat,
147 Victoria Way, SE7.
May 27.

Saudi 'human rights'

From Mr William Powell, MP for Corby (Conservative)

Sir, Many of your readers may have been surprised by the praise bestowed by Bernard Levin ("Salute the seven heroes", May 21) upon Sheikh Abdullah al-Masari and his associates in the self-proclaimed Committee for the Defence of Human Rights.

This committee is the embryo of a dissident group in Saudi Arabia not to the political left of the present rulers, but rather to their right. They want their extreme version of Islam to be all-pervading, upholding the regimes of Iran and Sudan as perfect examples of the system of rule they would wish to see in Saudi Arabia.

They hold, for instance, that the banking system must be scrapped; that Saudi embassies abroad should be used to spread the message of Islam, not merely for diplomacy. Agreements entered into by the kingdom would require the approval of the Muslim clergy.

They want an immediate break with "infidel countries", which in practice means most of the world. They want a local arms industry to be established and to ensure that arms purchased internationally should be from a variety of different places in order to avoid dependence on one country or one region.

One recently resigned member of the committee, Sheikh Abdullah Bin Jibrinhas, has issued a *fatwa* prohibiting the reading of the respected *Al-Sharq Al-Awsat* newspaper, published in London, because its editorial views are in sharp contradiction to the Sheikh's extreme views.

The message is clear: more power for the religious establishment, more control of public and social life, with every act and every policy being controlled by a religious committee.

Surely the proper conclusion is that this committee is made up of self-seekers commanding little support but anxious to set the clock back for their own ends. The better course for us is to encourage Saudi Arabian reforms which have already been set in motion by the king and which will in time lead to genuine democracy.

Yours sincerely,
WILLIAM POWELL,
House of Commons.
June 8.

Origins of 92 Group

From Sir George Gardiner, MP for Reigate (Conservative)

Sir, I must correct your correspondent Nicholas Wood's statement (June 8) concerning the history of the 92 Group of centre-right Conservative MPs, of which I am chairman.

The 92 Group was not "born out of the turmoil over Rhodesia". It sprang in 1965 from a group of some half-dozen Tories who met regularly at 92 Cheyne Walk, home of the then Mr Patrick Wall, to discuss, in their words, "how to keep the Conservative party conservative".

It has now grown to more than 100 members. Various Cabinet ministers, including the prime minister, are guests at our dinners. Policy discussions are held regularly at the Commons. Recent ones have been led by Mr Kenneth Clarke, Mrs Virginia Bottomley and Mr Malcolm Rifkind. We aim to further communication between all ministers and backbenchers who champion policies of free enterprise and individual choice.

Yours etc,
GEORGE GARDINER,
House of Commons.

Statuary tribute

From Mrs Lesley Lewis

Sir, While the siting of the Raleigh statue is under discussion (letters, May 28, June 5), another suggestion for London statuary might perhaps be considered. Many of your readers must be as pained, as I have long been, by the empty plinth on the west side of Trafalgar Square, matching the one on which Chantrey's George IV stands on the east side.

If Her Majesty approved, surely there must be a sculptor who could do justice to her horsemanship in an equestrian statue to commemorate the golden jubilee, to which we are looking forward, and a reign more appreciated by her subjects than that of George IV.

Yours faithfully,
LESLEY LEWIS,
38 Whitelands House,
Cheltenham Terrace, SW3.
June 5.

World of Mastermind

From Mr Howard Dolan

Sir, I must take mild issue with Mr L. S. Murray (letter, June 2), who claims that there is an anti-science bias in the general knowledge section of *Mastermind*.

As a participant in 1991 (and as a non-scientist), I was dreading any questions on the subject. I burned the midnight oil on the periodic tables *et al*, but, sure enough, up the questions came and, just as surely, up came my "pass". Most deplorable on my part, I admit, but science is but part of a vast array of human knowledge, as are literature and history.

I believe a correct balance is given and I know from my direct experience that care is taken in selecting the questions.

Incidentally, an incorrect answer or a pass does not always mean ignorance (Miss Delena Kidd's letter, May 21). The pressure in that black chair is so great, believe me, that the retrieval system can backfire. I *really* did know the chemical symbol for silver!

Yours faithfully,
HOWARD DOLAN,
6 Heathdene, 21 Heath Road,
Weybridge, Surrey.
June 3.

What's behind the Oxford bypasses?

From Lord Bullock

Sir, Your recent correspondence (May 3, 11, 18, 26) about the proposed Bath and Bradford-on-Avon bypasses, intended to form part of a strategic route linking the West Midlands and Wales with Southampton, has at once attracted attention in Oxford.

In Oxford, too, we are confronted with, not one, but two bypasses, ostensibly designed to relieve traffic congestion, but widely believed to form part of a strategic trunk route linking Swindon and the West Country with the east coast ports of Felixstowe and Harwich. These bypasses, far from reducing, will increase the flow of traffic into the already overcrowded Oxford area.

The proposed new road would consist of a six-lane highway, seven miles long, running for much of the way on a nine-metres-high embankment, lighted throughout by sodium lamps and culminating in a new 14-lane interchange only a quarter of a mile from the existing Pear Tree roundabout immediately north of Oxford.

In Oxford, as in Bath, attempts to secure confirmation or denial that, once established, these so-called "bypasses" will be linked up to form part of the strategic trunk route network have been met with silence, not only from the Department of Transport but also from the Department of the Environment.

This is despite the fact that, if built, these roads will inflict major environmental damage on the green belts created to protect the setting of two of England's most famous historic cities.

There may be an unanswerable case for putting such a road through the Oxford green belt. If so, let us hear it, at a public enquiry covering both bypasses.

The Department of Transport's own standing advisory council on trunk route assessment has drawn attention to the fact that the strategic trunk route connecting Honiton and Folkestone (for the Channel tunnel) was never presented as such, but piecemeal, as 30 separate schemes and 21 bypasses.

Should the department be allowed to continue to use such schemes, ostensibly proposed to meet local needs, as a convenient way of pursuing its major strategic plans, without the need to submit the latter to public consultation and debate? This is surely a matter into which Parliament ought to enquire.

Yours truly,
ALAN BULLOCK,
30 Godstow Road, Oxford.
June 1.

Child health dilemma

From the Director General of Save the Children

Sir, Dr James Le Fanu's provocative article, "Should children be allowed to die?" (Body and Mind, May 25), examines an argument that health care for children should be withdrawn in those countries where the pressure of population on resources means that they would only be saved for a life of misery and starvation.

This argument, however, is based on the scrutiny of health-care policies consisting of simple, single-technology interventions, which are applied with the principal aim of directly cutting the mortality rate (the example he uses is oral rehydration therapy). Such interventions measurably save lives, but do not contribute to development and to ensuring that survival is purposeful.

The answer to this dilemma is not to withdraw health care, which would offend against fundamental principles of equity and international law, but to decide on the best approach to ensuring that children will survive to live active, participatory and useful lives within their communities.

The UN Convention on Children's Rights states that all children have a right to good health care; but it specifies many other rights, notably to food, shelter and safety, and to take part in all the decisions affecting their lives.

The aim of international agencies should therefore be to work towards broad-based development, which is not solely (or even mainly) concerned with cutting mortality rates.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS HINTON,
Director General,
The Save the Children Fund,
17 Grove Lane, SE5.
May 25.

All too clear

From Mr Tom Ruben

Sir, Raymond Nottage (letter, June 4) complains about the design of pamphlets and other printed material, particularly the use of the palest possible printing inks. This reminds me of the period some years ago when your own ink was becoming paler and paler, seemingly by the day. The reason for this became obvious when I received my new glasses, which instantly restored *The Times* to its customary crisp black appearance.

Yours sincerely,
TOM RUBEN,
6 Dene Court, Mount Avenue, W5.
June 4.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 9: His Excellency General D S Attygalle and Mrs Attygalle were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in London.

Mr Michael Hone was received in audience by Her Majesty and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Reykjavik.

Mrs Hone was also received by The Queen.

Her Majesty this afternoon arrived at Lambeth Pier and was received by the Chairman, Port of London Authority (Sir Brian Shaw).

The Queen embarked in a RiverBus for Chelsea Harbour, escorted by the Chairman, RiverBus Partnership (Mr Peter Dale).

Her Majesty visited Chelsea Harbour Sculpture '93 Exhibition and was received by the Mayor of Hammersmith and Fulham (Mrs Joan Caruana).

The Queen toured the exhibition, escorted by the President, the Royal Society of British Sculptors (Mrs Philomena Davidson Davis) and afterwards attended a Reception given by the Group Managing Director, P&O (Sir Bruce MacPhail) in Harbour Yard.

Mrs John Dugdale, Mr Robin Janvrin and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor, today visited Cambridge University.

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Storey's Charity Almshouses, Mount Pleasant, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden).

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Viscount Boyne (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening upon the Departure of The President of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay and Mrs Lacalle and bade farewell to His Excellency and Mrs Lacalle on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 9: The Prince Edward this evening arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from Jordan.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

June 9: The Princess Royal this morning participated in group discussions of the Consultation on "Protecting the Environment: Energy Sources for the Britain of Tomorrow", St George's House, Windsor, the Royal County of Berkshire.

CLARENCE HOUSE
June 9: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother today visited Girton College, Cambridge.

The Lady Margaret Colville and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 9: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning opened the High Moorland Centre for Dartmoor National Park, Princetown, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Devon (Lieutenant Colonel the Earl of Morley).

His Royal Highness later viewed the recently completed youth hostel facilities in the extension of the Plume of Feathers, Princetown.

The Prince of Wales afterwards visited the new Methodist Housing Association's sheltered accommodation, Princetown.

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Duchy property in Somerset and Dorset. Mr David Landale was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 9: The Princess of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires), this morning reviewed the regiment at Howe Barracks, Canterbury, Kent.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Captain Edward Musto RM were in attendance.

June 9: The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, Silver Jubilee Walkway Trust, today unveiled a Walkway Panoramic Panel, London Bridge, and afterwards was present at a Luncheon at Guildhall, London EC2. Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Iris Fund (for Prevention of Blindness) this afternoon opened the South Wing Eye Department and afterwards met ophthalmic medical and nursing staff at St Thomas' Hospital, Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1.

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 9: The Duke of Kent, President, the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies this afternoon received Group Captain David Bolton, Director.

The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this evening attended the Prime Minister's Reception for Exporters, 10 Downing Street, London SW1.

Commander Roger Walker, RN was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this evening attended the Annual Service of Dedication for the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor at the Priory Church at St Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield, London EC1.

Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
June 9: Princess Alexandra this evening attended a Gala Concert to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Orchestra of St John's Smith Square, and in aid of the Alzheimer's Disease Society and the Admiral Nurse Service, at St James's Palace, London SW1.

The Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.

Luncheon

Corporation of London
The Duke of Gloucester attended a reception and luncheon given by the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London yesterday at Guildhall to mark the unveiling of the Silver Jubilee Walkway Panoramic Panel on London Bridge. Among those present were:
The Lady Mayoress, Mr Alderman and Sheriff and Mrs Roger Cork, Lord Brabazon of Tara, Lord Tebbit, CH, the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Sir James Swaffield, Mr Robert Shaw, Mr Steven Norris, MP, the Mayors of Camden, Lambeth, Southwark and Tower Hamlets, Trustees of the Silver Jubilee Walkway Trust, Aldermen, Common Councilmen and Officers of the Corporation of London.

HM Government

Mr Ian Lang, Secretary of State for Scotland, and Mrs Lang were hosts last night at a view from the balcony at Dover House, Whitehall, of Sounding Retreat of the massed bands of the Light Infantry on Horseguards.

Appointments

Mrs Jane Thomson Wood and Alan James Gamble to be full-time chairmen of social security appeal tribunals, medical appeal tribunals, disability appeal tribunals and child support appeal tribunals.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, as patron, will attend a reception at Guildhall at noon to mark the 50th anniversary of the Fire Services National Benevolent Fund; and, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will dine with the Chiefs of Defence Staff, at Admiralty House, at 8.00.

The Princess of Wales will attend a dinner at the Serpentine Gallery at 7.30.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Royal Cornwall Agricultural Association, will attend the show at The Showground, Wadebridge, at 11.00.

The Duke of Gloucester will visit the South of England Agricultural Society show at Ardingly at 10.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester will take the salute at the Founder's Day parade at Royal Hospital Chelsea at 10.55; and will attend a concert at Middle Temple Hall at 7.00 in aid of the London International String Quartet competition.

The Duke of Kent, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, will visit the 6th Battalion on summer camp at Longmoor, Liss, Hampshire, at 10.00.

The Duchess of Kent will open the Eden Valley Hospice, Durdar Road, Carlisle, at 11.30; will visit the Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery, Castle Street, at 12.25, will visit the Carlisle Campus, Northumbria University, at 2.00; and visit the Roman Wall at Birdoswald Roman Fort, Gilsland, Brampton, at 3.00.

Princess Alexandra will visit the Field Lane training hostel at Field Lane, at 2.05; will visit the Acorn Venture Farm community project at Depot Road, Kirkby, Knowsley, at 3.00; and, as patron, will visit the PDSA veterinary centre at 36/40 Richmond Terrace, Everton, at 4.15.

Birthdays today

The Duke of Edinburgh celebrates his birthday today.

Mr Leonard Badham, former vice-chairman, J. Lyons and Company, 70; Mr W.G. Barr, former rector, Exeter College, Oxford, 76; Mr Saul Bellow, writer, 78; the Right Rev L.W. Brown, former Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, 81; Sir Bryan Cartledge, principal, Linacre College, Oxford, 62; Sir Christopher Collett, former Lord Mayor of London, 62; Sir Brinsley Ford, former chairman, National Art-Collections Fund, 85; Lord Justice Peter Gibson, 59; Mr Graham Carleton Greene, publisher, 57; Mr R.P. Halward, governor, Manchester prison, 42; Sir William Harris, civil engineer, 81; Mr Guy Harwood, racehorse trainer, 54; Sir Arthur Hawkins, former chairman, CEGB, 80; Mrs Phyllis Hetzel, former president, Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge, 75; Dr Polly Hill, anthropologist, 79; Mr Lionel Jeffries, actor, 67; Mr Simon Jenkins, former editor, *The Times*, 50; Sir Geoffrey Otton, civil servant, 66; Mr Phil Tuck, jockey, 37; Major-General Michael Walsh, former Chief Scout, 66.

Royal Geographical Society

The Annual General Meeting of the Royal Geographical Society took place on Monday, June 7. The Society's medals and awards for geographical excellence and achievement were presented by the President Sir Crispin Tickell. On completion of Sir Crispin's term of office, Earl Jellicoe, KBE, DSO, MC, FRS, was elected as President in his place.

Service dinner

Cuidich'n Righ Club
Colonel R.M. Cuming presided at the annual dinner of the Cuidich'n Righ, Duke of Albany's Club, held last night at Claridge's hotel.

DENZIL McNEELANCE



Lord Rothermere leaving *St Bride's* with the Rector, Canon John Oates, after the memorial service yesterday for Mary Viscountess Rothermere

Memorial services

Mary Viscountess Rothermere
A service of thanksgiving and celebration for the life of Mary Viscountess Rothermere was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated. Mr Ned Ram read the lesson, Mr Mark Ohrstrom, son, read *The Burning of the Leaves* by Laurence Binyon and the Hon Esmond Harmsworth, son, read *Margaritae Sorori* by William Henry. Miss Gayle Hunnicutt gave an address. Among others present were:
Mr Barnaby Ohrstrom (son), Mrs Mark Ohrstrom (daughter-in-law), Viscount Rothermere, the Hon Lady Cooper-Key, the Hon Jonathan Harmsworth, Miss Claudia Clemence, Miss Chieko Tanaka, Lord and Lady Harmsworth, Mr and Mrs Vyvyan Harmsworth.

The Duchess of Portland, the Marquess and Marchioness of Tavistock, the Earl and Countess of Onslow, the Countess of Caledon, the Countess of Lisburne, Raine Countess Spencer, Lady Lever of Manchester, Lady Iliffe, Lord and Lady Wyatt of Weeford, Lord and Lady Blake, Lady Dunsany, Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, QC, and Lady Rawlinson, Lady Fanshawe of Richmond, Lady Middleton, Lady Mariegold Jamieson, Lady Arabella Onslow, the Hon Mrs A Money-Coutts, the Hon Lady de Zulueta, The Hon Robin and Mrs Warrender, Sir Toby and Lady Clarke, Lady Boothby.

Sir Edward Pickering (executive vice-chairman, Times Newspapers and Master of the Guild of St Bride), Sir David English, Sir Patrick Sergeant, Lady Bowker, Sir Ronald Grierson, Lady Russell; Countess Esterhazy, Mrs Ned Ram, Mr Harry Ram, the Very Rev Robert Townley, Mr Percival G Sutton, Mr Arthur Brittenden, Mrs Vane Ivanovic, Mr Tim Rathbone, MP, Mr Raymond Onslow (Royal Naval Association, Fleet Street branch), and Captain R Wallace (the Heythrop Hunt).

The Right Hon Lloyd Lord Kenyon, Baron of Gredington
A service of celebration for the life of Lloyd Lord Kenyon, Baron of Gredington, CBE, DL, LL D, FSA, will be held at St Chad's Church, Hanmer, at 2.00pm, on Tuesday, June 15.

Joycelyne Gledhill Russell
A Memorial Service for Joycelyne Gledhill Russell (Dickinson), MA, D Phil, Librarian 1953-80, Fellow 1959-69, Tutorial Fellow in History 1969-80, Emeritus Fellow 1980-93 of St Hugh's College, Oxford, who died on March 19 1993, will be held on Saturday, June 19, at 2.30pm in the University Church St Mary the Virgin, Oxford. The Service will be held by the Chaplain of the College, the Rev Bill Fosdike, and the address will be given by Miss Rachel Trickett, MA, Principal of St Hugh's 1973-91.

Dom Bede Griffiths
Vespers and a Memorial Mass for Dom Bede Griffiths will be celebrated at Westminster Cathedral at 5.00pm on June 15, 1993. All are welcome. Enquiries 071-937 4679.

Dinners

Speaker
The Speaker held a dinner in Speaker's House last night in honour of a Parliamentary Delegation from Nepal led by Mr Daman Nath Dhungana, Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Nepalese Ambassador and Mrs Prasad Shrestha attended. Among the guests were:
Sir John Stanley, MP, and Lady Stanley, Mr Dennis Canavan, MP, Mr Tim Devlin, MP, and Mrs Devlin, Mr Roger Evans, MP, and Mrs Evans, Mr David Hanson, MP, and Mrs Hanson, Mrs Angela Knight, MP, Mr Jim Lester, MP, and Mrs Lester, Mr Michael Morris, MP, and Mrs Morris, Mr David Young, MP, Sir Clifford and Lady Boulton, the Rev Jeremy and Mrs Caddick, Miss Brigid Gallagher, Mr Nick Griffiths, Miss Jacqui Shilliam and Mr and Mrs Nicolas Bevan.

Coachmakers and Coach Harness Makers' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a dinner given by the Master, Wardens, Court of Assistants and Livery of the Coachmakers and Coach Harness Makers' Company, last night at Goldsmiths' Hall. Mr Andrew Ferguson, Master, presided and presented a cheque to Lieutenant Commander B. Miles for the RNLI. The Lord Mayor, Mr Patrick O'Ferrall, Senior Warden, and Mr Robin Knox-Johnston also spoke.

British Association
The Hon William Waldegrave, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, was the principal guest and speaker at a dinner hosted by Sir Denis Rooke at Guildhall last night, after the Association's conference on Science, Technology and Wealth Creation. Others present included:
Professor W D P Stewart, Mr Robert Malpas, Professor D E N Davies, Mr David McMeekin and Professor Ivan Yates (speakers at the conference), Sir Michael Atiyah, Sir William Barlow, Sir Walter Bodmer, Dr Neil Chalmers, Dr Neil Cossons, Sir Frederick Crawford, Lord Dainton, Professor Rosalind Driver, Professor George Gordon, Lord Gregson, Sir John Mason, Sir Robin Nicholson, Sir David Phillips, Professor J J Thompson, Sir Charles Reece and Sir Martin Wood.

Pakistan Society
The 41st Annual Dinner of the Pakistan Society was held in the Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn, on Wednesday, June 9, 1993. The High Commissioner for Pakistan presided and the Guests were received by the Chairman, Sir Oliver Forster. The Guest of Honour was the Baroness Chalker, Overseas Development Administration, Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Mr Ikram Zaki, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Pakistan, and Sir Frederic Bennett replied on behalf of the Guests.

Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor

The Duchess of Kent read the lesson at the annual service of dedication of the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor held yesterday at the Priory Church of St Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. Bell and Miss L.M. Weston Smith
The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr David Bell, of Eastbourne, and Mrs Ann Petersen, of Welwyn Garden City, and Lucinda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Weston Smith, of Hampstead, London.

M J-Y. Bouhier and Mlle C. Chat
On Saturday, July 3, 1993, at the Cathédrale Saint-Pierre de Moutiers, France, the marriage will be solemnised between Jean-Yves Bouhier, son of M and Mme Yves Bouhier, and Catherine Chat, daughter of M and Mme Jean Chat.

Mr M.B. Cripps and Miss J.S.L. Clough
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Victor Cripps, of Fareham, Hampshire, and Jocelyn, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Tom Clough, of Yeovil, Somerset.

Mr M.A. Staricoff and Dr A.L. Crown
The engagement is announced between Marcelo, younger son of Dr and Mrs Carlos Staricoff, of London, and Anna, daughter of Dr and Mrs Sidney Crown, of London.

Mr R.L. Warr and Miss H. Zaphiropoulos
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Warr, of Sanderstead, Surrey, and Helen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Constantine Zaphiropoulos, of Oxford.

Mr C.T. Caird and Miss C.E. France
The engagement is announced between Colin Taylor, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs William Caird, of Brechin, Angus, and Caroline Elizabeth, second daughter of the late Brigadier R.L. France, CBE, MC*, late Royal Engineers, and of Mrs France, of St Albans, both formerly of Great Mollington, Chester.

Captain A.M. Poulter, RN and Miss A.M. Lacy
The engagement is announced between Anthony Poulter, OBE, son of Mr and Mrs Mervyn Poulter, of Langton Matravers, Dorset, and Anne, daughter of Mrs Anthony Lacy and the late Anthony Lacy, of Ettington, Warwickshire.

Mr G.R.A. Soutry and Mrs A.Y.T. Broadbent
The engagement is announced between Giles, son of Mr Adrian Soutry, of Sydney, Australia, and Mrs Michael Micallef, of East Grinstead, Sussex, and Anne, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs P.F.S. Cartwright, of Pangbourne, Berkshire.

Marriage

Mr J.S. Branch and Mrs M.J. Morkill
The marriage took place on May 28 of James Stuart Branch to Mary Jane Morkill, née Briggs, of Silverthorpe, Silverstone, Northamptonshire.

School news

The King's School, Canterbury Scholarship Examination 1993
The following have been elected King's Scholars from September 1993.
Mark Williams, Junior King's School; Andrew Ribbans, Junior King's School; Lucy Butler, Windlesham House School, Pulborough; James Brilliant, Junior King's School; Samuel Knight, The Hall, Hampstead; William Justice, Dulwich College Preparatory School, London; Mwaka Kamana, Holmewood House, Tunbridge Wells; William Tallon, Holmewood House; Christopher Pickering, Wellesley House, Broadstairs.

Exhibitions have been awarded to: William Pritchard, Dulwich College Preparatory School, Cranbrook; Rachel Hill, Ashdown House, Sussex; Olivia Arthur, Windlesham House School; Nancy Colchester, Junior King's School; Megan Morris, Highfield School, Liphook.

Art Scholarships have been awarded to: Simon Gomersall, Windlesham House School; Alexandra Marden, Cumnor House School; Megan Morris, Highfield School; Mark Sweny, Dulwich College Preparatory School, London.

An Open Day will be held at the School on Friday, July 2. Details from The Headmaster's Secretary, The King's School, Canterbury, CT1 2ES.

Millfield School
Millfield School will hold a reunion of Old Millfieldians (1966 to 1975). The reunion will take place on July 24/25. For more information please contact John Davies, Secretary, Millfield Society, Millfield, Street, Somerset, BA16 0YD, Fax: 0458 45102/47276.

Sherborne Preparatory School
A celebration of 70 years of Lindsay headmastering and of Robin Lindsay's completion of 40 years teaching at the school will take place on Friday, July 2, 1993. Those who were at the school and who have not received details are invited to write to the Organiser, Mrs C. Liddle, Sherborne Preparatory School, Dorset, DT9 3NY, or telephone 0935 812097.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Francis Edward Stuart, the "Old Pretender", London, 1688; James Short, optician and astronomer, Edinburgh, 1710; Gustave Courbet, painter, Ornans, France, 1819; Sir Edwin Arnold, poet and scholar, Gravesend, 1832; Nicholaus Otto, pioneer of the internal combustion engine, Holzhausen, Germany, 1832; Andre Derain, painter, Chatou, France, 1880; Frederick (Fritz) Loewe, composer, Vienna, 1901; Sir Terence Rattigan, dramatist, London, 1911; Judy Garland, film star, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, 1922.

DEATHS: Frederick I, "Barbarossa", Holy Roman Emperor 1152-90, Armenia, 1190; Luis de Camoens, poet, Lisbon, 1580; King George I, reigned 1714-27, Osnabruck, Germany, 1727; Thomas Hearne, antiquary, Oxford, 1735; André-Marie Ampère, physicist, Marseilles, 1836; Richard John Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand 1893-1906, at sea, 1906; Pierre Loti, novelist, Hendaye, France, 1923; Giacomo Matteotti, anti-fascist, murdered, Rome, 1924; Antonio Gaudi, architect, Barcelona, 1926; Frederick Delius, composer, Grez-sur-Loing, 1934; Sir Robert Borden, Prime Minister of Canada 1911-20, Ottawa, 1937; Jack Johnson, world heavyweight boxing champion 1910-15, North Carolina, 1946; Sigrid Undset, novelist, Nobel laureate 1928, Lillehammer, Norway, 1949; Spencer Tracy, actor, 1967.

Fourteen women and five men were hanged at the end of the witch-hunt trials, Salem, 1692.

Receptions

Prime Minister
The Duke of Kent attended a reception given by the Prime Minister and Mrs Major last night at 10 Downing Street in honour of British exporters.

Canning House
Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, President of the Hispanic and Luso Brazilian Council, was host at a reception held yesterday at Canning House in honour of Dr Luis Alberto Lacalle Herrera, President of Uruguay.

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BIRTHS

ALDOUS - On 7th June 1993, to Amanda (née Jordan) and Christopher, a son, Rupert Jack Christopher.

ARKWRIGHT - On June 6th, to Anne-Louise (née Pinder) and Anthony, a son, Henry Samuel Boycott.

GRIFFITH GRIFFIN - On 3rd June 1993, to Majella (née Mangan) and Charles, a son, William Henry.

MILES - On June 6th 1993, to Heather (née Jardine) and Christopher, the delight of a wonderful son, James Christopher Jardine, a brother for William.

THOMAS - On May 29th 1993, to Victoria (née Harding) and Simon, a daughter, Olivia Sara, a sister for Emily.

DEATHS

BIDWELL - On 8th June 1993, peacefully in the South of France after a long illness bravely borne, Sophie, beloved wife of Harold.

CIVVAL - On 9th June 1993, Norman, very suddenly but peacefully. Much loved husband of Beryl and father of Keith, Sally and Trevor. The funeral will be at Golders Green Crematorium West Chapel, Hoop Lane, London NW11, at 12.30 pm on Friday 11th June. A Service of Thanksgiving for Norman's life will be held on Thursday 24th June at 6 pm at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, 28 St John's Wood Road, London NW8.

COLQUHOUN - On 9th June, Janet Ida, peacefully at Pax Hill Nursing Home, near Alton, a much loved aunt and great-aunt. Cremation on Thursday 17th June at 11am, Park Crematorium, Aldershot. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Actors Benevolent Fund.

DEATHS

DEACON - On June 5th 1993, aged 90, William James Deacon M.A. of Silver Cottage, Milverton, Somerset. Chief Education Officer for Somerset 1937-1967, formerly a Senior Scholar of Trinity College Cambridge, devoted husband of Gladys 'Dinky' and greatly loved by his four children, their spouses, his fourteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren and other members of his family. Funeral at St Michael's Church, Milverton, Friday June 11th at 12.30 pm. No flowers.

DEAKIN - John, O.B.E., formerly Registrar, West African Examinations Council, peacefully at Sevenoaks Hospital, aged 73, on 6th June 1993. Funeral at the Parish Church, Shoreham, Kent, at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 16th June. Enquiries to Doves Funerals: (0732) 740444.

DIXON - On June 7th 1993, peacefully at home, Guy Holford Dixon, Barrister-at-Law, late recorder of Newark-on-Trent of Brampton Ash, aged 91 years. Funeral Service at St Mary the Virgin, Brampton Ash, on Wednesday June 16th at 12 noon, followed by interment. No flowers by request, donations if desired for The Royal National Institute for the Blind to J Stamp & Sons, Funeral Directors, Market Harborough, Leics., LE16 8AN, tel: (0858) 462524. Memorial Service to be held at Leicester Cathedral on Saturday July 17th at 12 noon.

DIXON - On 7th June after a short illness at The County Hospital, Invergordon, Marion Isabel Dixon (née Needham) aged 93, artist, wife of the late Roger Marten Dixon, mother of David and Marcus. Funeral at Perth Crematorium on 14th June 1993 at 9.15 am. Flowers or donations to The Red Cross c/o Messrs J Mackenzie, Kimberley, Evanton, Ross-shire.

DONNITHORNE - Ralph Stuart Arundell, beloved husband of Anna-Christina (decd), father of Anthea and Ruth, died peacefully in Turkey June 7th after short illness. Funeral in Turkey.

FINER - Professor Samuel Edward, peacefully in his sleep on 9th June 1993 at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford. Private funeral. No flowers please, but donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London W1H 4DH.

FITZMAURICE - On 8th June 1993, Francis, aged 79 years of Shaftesbury. Funeral Service at St James Church, Shaftesbury, on Monday 14th June at 2 pm.

GARCIA - On June 8th, peacefully in Welshwood Manor Nursing Home, Colchester, Major Jack Garcia M.B.E. (retd). Late of the Tenth Royal Hussars. Funeral Service on Thursday June 17th at Colchester Crematorium at 10.30 am. Flowers to W.H. Shephard Funeral Directors, 93-94 High Street, Colchester.

GOODSON - Harold Norman on 6th June 1993 in hospital, aged 78. Funeral Service at Chichester Crematorium on Tuesday 15th June 1993 at 2pm. Flowers may be sent to L.F. Lintott & Son Funeral Directors, North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex.

GOUGH - Peacefully at Meadbank Nursing Home, London on 8th June 1993 after 6 years of devoted care. Barbara Hall aged 87 years. Widow of the late H.R. Gough and loving mother grandmother and great-grandmother, much beloved by her family. Service at St Michael's Church, South Grove, Highgate, N6, on Thursday 17th June at 2.30pm, followed by private cremation. Flowers to Levertons, 212 Eversholt Street, NW1.

HARRIS - On June 8th 1993 peacefully after a short illness, Lionel aged 90 years, dearly loved by family and friends. Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium, Wednesday 16th June at 2.30pm. All enquiries to J.H. Kenyon, (071) 937-0757.

HAWKINS - On June 8th, peacefully at Whiteley Village Nursing Home, Ernest Joseph Weaver Hawkins O.B.E., F.S.A., aged 88. Funeral on June 14th at St Mark's Church, Whiteley Village, followed by cremation at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead. No flowers by request, donations, if desired, to Whiteley Village Nursing Home, c/o F.W. Chitty & Co., 45 Elmgrove Road, Weybridge, Surrey, tel: (0932) 842220.

HUDSON - On 7th June 1993, suddenly but peacefully at home after an illness borne with great courage, Jan Pikulski, F.C.A. (aged 68 years) also known as Jan Hudson, Lancer 1st Krechowiecki Lancers Regt, 2nd Polish Corps British 8th Army Italian Campaign. Beloved husband of Wanda and father of Lucian and Julian. Funeral Service at Polish Jesuit Fathers, 182 Walm Lane, London NW2, on Monday 14th June at 1.30pm. Flowers to be sent to Levertons, 212 Eversholt Street, London NW1.

JONES - On 3rd June 1993, peacefully after a short illness at his home, Cerros del Lago, Carretera de Istan Km 8, Marbella, Spain. Bryan Vaughan. Dearest husband of Betty and much loved son, father and grandfather. A friend of so many. The funeral was on 6th June at Marbella.

LLOYD - On 8th June 1993 at Ridgeway Manor R/H. Vera Isabel in her 98th year. Widow of H. Alan Lloyd, mother of David, Martin, Catherine and Trevor. Grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium on Monday 14th June at 3.45pm. Family flowers only. If desired donations to Help the Aged, St James' Walk, London EC1R 0BE.

LUARD - On June 6th in Yeovil District Hospital, Mary Alicia, widow of Lieutenant Colonel P.J. Luard D.S.O., O.B.E. Private cremation followed by Service of Thanksgiving at St Stephen's Church, Charlton Musgrove, on Tuesday 15th June at 3 pm. No flowers but donations, if desired, to Injured Jockeys Fund c/o Thomas Green Funeral Directors, Wincanton.

MASEFIELD - On 7th June 1993, peacefully at Chartwell Nursing Home, Valentine Harry, aged 91, beloved husband of Valentine Lucy, and father of Mark, Cynthia and Lynda. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at St Peter's Church, Lodsworth on Wednesday, 16th June at 11.45 am. No flowers but donations if desired to King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, West Sussex.

McLEISH - On June 8th, peacefully at Trinity Hospice, Jacqueline aged 63 years, widow of Gordon, mother of Malinda, Iona and Donald. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Merton, June 14th at 3.30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired, enquiries Fredk W Paine (081) 946-1974.

MILLS - Medina May (Dina) of Limpsfield, Surrey. Suddenly on 7th June 1993 aged 70. Much loved and greatly missed. Funeral Friday 11th June 1993, 3pm, St Peter's, Limpsfield. No flowers. Donations to local charities c/o Ebbutts, High Street, Limpsfield.

RAMSBOTHAM - Will. On June 6th 1993 tragically while climbing on Cader Idris aged 25 years. Funeral Service at Shrewsbury School Chapel on Wednesday June 16th at 2.15 pm. Family flowers. Enquiries please to the Funeral Directors W.R.R. Pugh & Son, 135 Longden Coleham, Shrewsbury SY3 7DN, tel: (0743) 344646.

ROSS - Mary Adelaide Eden, died 4th June 1993, peacefully at Trelana Nursing Home, Poughill, near Bude, aged 97, formerly of Kilkhampton, near Bude, Cornwall, daughter of late author Eden Phillpotts and widow of Nicholas Ross. Funeral at Morwenstow Church, near Bude, Cornwall, on 14th June at 12 o'clock.

ROWLAND - née Magee. On May 30th, Margaret Judith, peacefully after a short illness. Eldest daughter of Sir Cuthbert and mother of Bruce, Jill and Judith. She is buried in All Saints, Broadchalke, near Salisbury.

RYAN - On June 8th 1993, peacefully at home, Frances Ryan, aged 101. Widow of Dr. T.J. Ryan, mourned by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral private. Family flowers only. Donations to CAFOD or Age Concern.

SMITH - On June 8th, peacefully at home, Dr. Patrick Smith of Headley and Barbados. Funeral to be held at Headley Parish Church, Thursday 17th June at 3 pm.

TRIST - On 4th June 1993 in Carmel, California, Eric Lansdown Trist, aged 83, husband of Beulah, father of Alan and Carolyn and grandfather of Orion and Julia. Also a founder of The Tavistock Institute of Human Relations and an internationally esteemed social scientist.

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OBITUARIES

CHARLES URMSTON

Charles Urmston, OBE, soldier, cattle rancher, Royal Air Force officer and businessman, died in London on May 16 aged 83. He was born in Edinburgh on October 24, 1909.



THE varied career of Charles Urmston might well have been a straightforward military one, had it not been for an accident with a fowling piece which cost him his right hand and forced the course of his life into other channels. After leaving Cambridge, he had been commissioned into the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and served with the regiment for some years before being seriously injured while out wild-fowling with a colleague.

The pair were shooting duck from a punt when the firing pin of Urmston's fowling piece broke, causing the cartridge in the breech to backfire, injuring both men severely. In the accident, which was of a sort which is all too often fatal, Urmston had his right hand blown off and was badly wounded in both legs.

With these disabilities further service in the Army was clearly closed to him, and he was discharged. While recuperating at home for five months after his discharge and casting around for what to do next, he hit upon the idea of going to Mexico. There he started cattle-ranching in that part of the state of Chihuahua which adjoins the United States. Within five years he built up a cattle empire embracing 500,000 acres and 12,000 head of cattle. He also ran cattle on the US side of the border, in the states of Texas and New Mexico.

He continued his ranching operations until the outbreak of the second world war when he returned to Britain and joined the RAF. When the Advanced Air Striking Force and the Air Component of the British Expeditionary Force went overseas to France in 1939, Urmston went too as part of the RAF staff.

He served with considerable distinction throughout the war, rising to the rank of group captain. In due course he became senior intelligence officer and Head of Air Intelligence on the "Round-Up" special planning staff at Norfolk House, St James's Square, which had been formed in 1943 to deal with the formidable complexities involved in planning the massive naval, air and land assault on continental Europe the following year. Dealing with the highest security matters at the chiefs of staff and prime ministerial level, Urmston was involved specifically in the air side of the planning for the Normandy landings.

After this he was returned to the operational staff and was appointed Group Captain Operations under Air Chief Marshal Sir Trafford Leigh-Mallory, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Expeditionary Air Force, whose British and American bombers and fighters gave tactical support to the Allied advance in northwest Europe. He served on Leigh-Mallory's staff until the cessation of hostilities in Europe.

At that point he was told to stand by for duty in the Far East where it was intended that Bomber Command should deploy a "Tiger Force" of heavy bomber squadrons to destroy crucial Japanese inter-island bridges and help prevent the deployment of enemy reinforcements against the projected American invasion of Kyushu, planned for January 1946. But, as he put it "Happily, the Japs gave up so I didn't have to go."

For his war services Urmston was appointed OBE and twice mentioned in dispatches.

Charles William Brabazon Urmston had been educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he took the Natural Sciences Tripos. He played rugby for Trinity and was a keen all-round sportsman. While at Cambridge he was also a member of the Cambridge University Air Squadron and qualified as a pilot. In 1932 he was a member of the British rowing team that went to the Los Angeles Olympic Games of that year.

After joining the Army Urmston served for some years with the King's Guard at Balmoral and qualified at the Army's Small Arms School at Hythe and and the Army School of Education. Before the accident in which he lost his hand he did six months at the Royal Tank Corps Establishment at Bovington where he qualified as a technical officer both as an instructor and mechanical engineer for the regiment. This was at an important period when a start was being made on mechanising the transport of the British Army.

After the war Urmston went back to the United States, sold his cattle-ranching interests and returned to Europe, where he involved himself in commercial enterprises, becoming chairman and managing director of the Scottish Spitzbergen Syndicate — an old established company concerned with the exploitation of large coal and gypsum deposits in the Arctic.

He subsequently arranged the sale of the company's properties and assets to the Norwegian government. After that he devoted his energy to the development of advanced building materials technology, becoming a director of one of the oldest and largest construction companies — Holland, Hannen and Cubitts. He was elected a member of the Society of Engineers and the Chemical Industries Association.

Charles Urmston was a keen sportsman who enjoyed fishing and shooting both in the United Kingdom and in Scandinavia. He was a man of great determination and had the drive and enthusiasm of many people half his age. At the time of his death he was making plans to travel to the US to work with business associates on the construction of a large new UBM (Urmston's Building Material) plant in the American Midwest for making his proprietary lightweight structural concrete building materials.

He is survived by his daughter, Margaret Anne Saunders.

BRIAN RAYMOND

Brian Raymond, solicitor, died of a heart attack at St Albans on May 22 aged 44. He was born in Welwyn Garden City on September 10, 1948.



BRIAN RAYMOND, who defended Clive Ponting and Wendy Savage among other celebrated clients, was one of the handful of practising lawyers who become public figures through their professional achievements.

The son of Jewish immigrants from Europe he was educated at Dulwich College, where contemporaries remember an actor, debater and mischief-maker — attributes which were to prove father to the man. After taking a degree in English at Trinity College, Cambridge, he worked briefly in merchant banking before turning to the law.

Raymond spent virtually his entire legal career with one firm, Bindman and Partners, which he joined as an articled clerk in 1974, and where he was a partner from 1978 until his death. It offered a workplace, and provided an environment, where his talents could flourish. Bindman and Partners was, as Raymond often said, an office where like-minded friends shared a commitment to civil liberties, but still wore their politics lightly, and where work was demanding and stimulating, but companionship was of the essence. He took the concept of partnership very seriously.

His first specialism was criminal defence work. It appealed both to his taste for the dramatic and to his boundless fascination with human behaviour. He certainly brought to it a demand for the highest standards. In 1984, his career changed beyond recognition. The civil servant Clive Ponting, faced with prosecution under the Official Secrets Act for leaking the truth about the sinking of the *General Belgrano*, asked trusted friends and journalists to recommend a solicitor. It was not just a technician that he needed but someone to stand by him throughout a trial that, some suspected, was politically inspired.

Ponting's trial became a paradigm of Raymond's method and of his later career: a controversial client and a fearless defence (at one point Raymond invited the Attorney-General to prosecute himself for contempt of court); a skilful battle in the media; mastery of a wealth of technical detail and of sometimes recalcitrant allies (as Tam Dalyell has written, no one had ever before silenced him with such charm — or so effectively); and, above all, the leadership and inspiration of a legal team, culminating in a court-room triumph.

It was a combination later to be repeated to devastating effect on behalf of other clients, whose problems drew Raymond into new areas of law. Wendy Savage, a consultant obstetrician whose controversial method of delivering babies led to her being accused of incompetence, was drawn to him by his success in the Ponting case, and her vindication in turn led many others who had fallen out with the NHS powers-that-be to consult him. His clientele came to be made up of dissidents and whistle-blowers, the unconventional, the isolated and the marginal.

His evident skill and relish in dealing with the media, in turn, attracted clients from within the media's own ranks: *The Observer*, Channel 4, for which he fought a ferocious battle last year over journalists' rights not to reveal their sources, and most famously and recently, the *New Statesman*, which at the time of his death he was doughtily defending against the prime minister's libel action.

Raymond brought to the law gifts all-too-rare among lawyers — a deep capacity for human warmth and friendship, an immense imagination and creativity, and above all a passionate involvement in clients' human problems. He never, though, lost sight of the overriding need always to give hard-headed, and sometimes unwelcome, advice.

Yet those who saw only the public lawyer saw merely a part of the whole picture. No man insisted more on the need to live a full life outside his work. Professional success was deeply rooted in the personal contentment of his marriage and children. Work might demand a 12-hour day in the office and legal battles had their joys; but family weekends in Wales were sacrosanct, and little could compare with the satisfaction of listening to his daughter's stories, or teaching his young son about the intricacies of French menus.

His wife Veronica, together with his two children, survive him.

VIOLET CHOLMONDELEY

Violet Cholmondeley, nurse and magistrate, died on May 26 aged 100. She was born on July 7, 1892.

THE death of Violet Cholmondeley has removed Shropshire's last direct link with pre-Crimean England. Her late husband, Brigadier-General Hugh Cholmondeley, was born in 1852. When they married in 1931, he was a widower of 79 and she was 39. And when they had a child, two years later, their combined ages totalled 120 years.

Although not normally a reader of anything but *The Times*, Violet Cholmondeley was much amused that the event "made" the *Chicago Tribune*. She and her husband had ten supremely happy years together until his death in 1941.

Violet Maud Cholmondeley was the elder daughter of Prebendary the Hon Archibald Parker and a granddaughter of the sixth Earl of Macclesfield. She was born at Broome Rectory in Suffolk near the home of her maternal grandmother, Lady Bateman. The family moved to Wem, Shropshire, in 1905 and remained there until her father's death in 1930. Her mother died the following year.

In 1911 Violet raised the Wem Voluntary Aid Detachment of the Red Cross. She served the Red Cross for 42 years and was Shropshire county director from 1948 to 1953. During the first world war she nursed for a time in a military hospital near Whitchurch, Shropshire, and then moved to London where she worked in the casualty department of the War Office.

A good games player, she raised and captained a ladies' cricket XI at the War Office. Coached by "Plum" Warner, they played on the polo ground at Hurlingham and defeated their great rivals from the Foreign Office by 66 runs. Violet Cholmondely also played the violin in a London orchestra.

After the first world war she returned to Shropshire, played tennis for the county, started the Boy Scouts in Wem, then raised the first Wem Company of Girl Guides and became their district commissioner. Her interests were many and varied and her gifts of leadership were evident in all she undertook. She became chairman of the Shropshire Nursing Federation, which was responsible for all district nurses until it was taken over by the county council.

From 1943 to 1945 she was commandant of the military hospital at Leaton Knolls near Shrewsbury. In 1946 she moved to Ellesmere. She was lay chairman of Ellesmere parochial church council for over 25 years, and was chairman of the women's section of the British Legion. As a JP she chaired the Ellesmere bench until her retirement in 1967.

Her greatest joys in life were horses and hunting. She always rode side-saddle, usually in the lead, and combined courage and elegance on any horse provided. She was also a keen bridge player until her mid-nineties, and her partners and opponents could never afford to relax. Her last driving licence expired when she was 98.

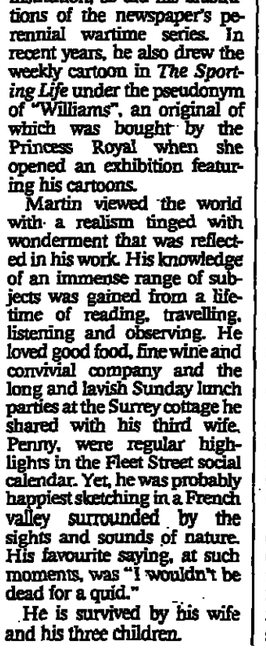
Above all, she loved the countryside, especially birds. Even magpies gave her pleasure when she saw them from her bedroom window towards the end of her life. Her joy in living and infectious sense of humour kept her young in heart and endeared her to children of all ages. She was married for only ten of her hundred years and combined to a wonderful degree the care of a modern mother with the freedom of a Victorian aunt.

Violet Cholmondeley is survived by her daughter Essex Penny.



BILL MARTIN

Bill Martin, Fleet Street cartoonist and illustrator, died of cancer at his home in Surrey on June 4 aged 73. He was born in Babikin, Western Australia, on December 28, 1919.



THE Fleet Street cricket match was over, the players and their supporters recovering in the village pub. As the sun faded, Bill Martin remained seated on a bench on the village green, his pen flying deftly over his sketch pad as he produced a stream of caricatures and cartoons for the local youngsters who surrounded him in rapt silence.

This was Martin doing what he loved best — capturing fleeting moments with a few skilful strokes. His pad and his pen went with him everywhere. One of the most agonising decisions of his life, was when he found himself confronted with a charging elephant in the Kenyan bush. He had to choose beween reversing his jeep to safety or doing a swift action sketch of the rampaging beast. It was one of the rare occasions when his pen remained sheathed.

Quietly-spoken, self-effacing, highly literate and with a subtle sense of humour, Martin was the antithesis of the Australian stereotype. He grew up, the eldest of five children of an unprosperous wheat-farmer, in a one-horse town 200 miles east of Perth. At 14 he left school and went to work as a packer in a Perth factory. When the owner caught him doodling on a packing case he was impressed enough by his untutored talent to get him a job in an art studio. Years later, Martin discovered that his former employer had paid his apprentice fees himself.

During the second world war Martin served with the Royal Australian Air Force and ran an air station in northwest Australia, returning to illustrating when the war ended. By the early 1950s, he was the highest-paid advertising artist in Australia. He turned down an invitation to spearhead the launch of television advertising in Australia, with the assurance of making his fortune, choosing instead to accept a job offer made to him while on a visit to Britain by John Junor, the editor of *The Sunday Express*. The paper was then in its heyday with a weekly circulation of over four million.

For more than 30 years, Martin's stylish cartoons and illustrations filled *The Sunday Express*, even after he was appointed art director and a member of the newspaper's board. His front-page pocket cartoon grew into a national institution, as did his illustrations of the newspaper's perennial wartime series. In recent years, he also drew the weekly cartoon in *The Sporting Life* under the pseudonym of "Williams", an original of which was bought by the Princess Royal when she opened an exhibition featuring his cartoons.

Martin viewed the world with a realism tinged with wonderment that was reflected in his work. His knowledge of an immense range of subjects was gained from a lifetime of reading, travelling, listening and observing. He loved good food, fine wine and convivial company and the long and lavish Sunday lunch parties at the Surrey cottage he shared with his third wife, Penny, were regular highlights in the Fleet Street social calendar. Yet, he was probably happiest sketching in a French valley surrounded by the sights and sounds of nature. His favourite saying, at such moments, was "I wouldn't be dead for a quid."

He is survived by his wife and his three children.

JAMES CARSON

James Carson, former consultant neurologist to the Sheffield United Hospitals died on May 27 aged 85. He was born on February 1, 1908 near Montrose, Tayside.

JAMES CARSON brought to his consultant appointment a vision of the direction in which the spectrum of neurological services should grow. He began his work in Sheffield at a time when there was no formal speciality of neurology or of psychiatry but he fashioned both, relinquishing his connections with psychiatry when the university founded a department in that subject.

Although, initially, temperamental difficulties caused relations between the two departments to be unfriendly Carson persevered until they improved.

His professional life coincided with the development of air encephalography and cerebral angiography which were the most important of the diagnostic aids of that era in his speciality.

Carson graduated in medicine from St Andrews University. While an undergraduate his prowess at tennis brought him the captaincy of the university team. His training as a neurologist took him to the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases in Queen Square, between the years 1941 and 1945 when he moved to Sheffield.

He was a clinician of distinction. His diagnostic ability, and his powers as a teacher were formidable and fruitful. His patients regarded him with respect and affection. The high regard in which he was held is illustrated by the generous gift which allowed him to create the Ryder Briggs Fund for the Advancement of Neurological Science, which since its inception has backed outstanding research. Carson led a full life. He created a fine garden at his house in Bamford; golf, racing, and bridge were among the other interests which (except for golf) were keenly shared by his wife Betty who survives him togeth-er with his two step-children.

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MOTOR-BOAT RACE FIASCO.

Three hours after the start not a single boat had completed the course, the only craft—about 15 in all—in the harbour having broken down within a comparatively short distance of the starting point. Tugs, fast motor cruisers, and yachts put out from Dover, Folkestone, and Deal and scoured the Channel for those who were marooned, and by 8 o'clock the search was widened to cover a great area of water. The chief fear was that some of the competitors would be stranded miles from anywhere after darkness. Many boats had taken a completely wrong course from the start, and others, having broken down, had drifted miles from the direct route. Over three hours after the race had started it was announced that the event had been abandoned, no prizes would be given, and a reception arranged for the evening was cancelled. In the rain thousands of people lined the promenade of the quayside hours after the boats were expected back waiting to hear something. Among the scores of mishaps one boat, the Scarlet Pimpernel, caught fire near the harbour and the driver, Mr. Lewis, jumped into the water. The boat was overturned by rescuers to extinguish the flames and the driver was rescued and pulled into the boat. He was unhurt. Soon after the race was abandoned a wireless message was sent out from North Foreland at the request of the officials asking all ships round the coast to look for motor boats. One man found himself at Dunkirk, another at Boulogne, a third was landed after breaking down at Dungeness, a fourth landed at Folkestone, one even reached Ostend, and many performed circles in mid-Channel. There were four women competitors. Miss Zoe Livesey broke down miles from anywhere, and drifted about helplessly for some time. Another competitor who also had engine trouble, came her way. He eventually managed to get his engine going and towed her back. The other women starters were Miss M. B. Carstairs, Mrs. C. Christie, and Miss Joan Spicer. Mrs. Christie, who was accompanied by Mr. Webb, got within about two miles of Calais when disaster overtook her. First of all the lead to the magneto had to be held for some miles and then a seam gave way and the boat filled with water within a few seconds up to the gunwale. Eventually a boat picked them up and took them back to Folkestone. At 11 o'clock on Saturday night it was reported that six competitors were still missing. As darkness fell the search was intensified. Every available boat from Folkestone, Dover, Deal, and the North Foreland put out. Soon after 2 a.m. yesterday news was received that all the competitors had been rescued. The last man to be accounted for was Mr. Miller, who was picked up by the Reityngan Lightship. The Belgian steamer Princesse Elisabeth in a wireless message stated that she had taken him on board from the lightship. It appears that his boat broke down at 6 p.m., and he spent the night in the sinking boat. He sent up flares about 11 p.m., and at daybreak saw the lightship four miles away. Later his boat sank and he swam three-quarters of a mile to the lightship and attracted attention by shouting.

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A fleet of 49 outboard motor boats left Dover to race to Calais and back. The leaders were expected to complete the journey in under two hours. Thick fog came down in mid-Channel.

Choppy waters for the airlines

Flights could be suddenly cancelled as airline unions fight job cuts, **Chris Lockwood** and **Harvey Elliott** report

Continuing staff unrest at British Airways is one of the first symptoms of an industrial relations epidemic threatening to sweep through the airline industry. Passengers could find flights cancelled at a moment's notice as airline unions throughout Europe prepare for strike action to prevent what they regard as a jobs haemorrhage.

The airlines claim they are losing money so heavily that they must cut costs drastically. Their staffs are responding by gearing up for a wave of strike action and disruption of the main carriers. Already unions have created cross-border alliances to co-ordinate efforts in a way the airlines have aspired to, but with limited success.

Last year, 20,000 airline jobs were lost, according to the International Transport Workers' Federation "and the worst is yet to come," says Stuart Howard, of the union's civil aviation section. Long-established in the shipping industry, the federation speaks for more than five million workers in affiliated unions around the world.

These unions, including Britain's Transport and General Workers', represent the key labour groups in the European industry, except pilots. Even their union, Balpa, has forged close ties with other pilots' unions throughout Europe and is exchanging information as the struggle hots up against what they consider an attempt by the airlines to lower their living standards.

The federation is campaigning for "consultation before confrontation" in a business which is shrinking in the face of tougher competition, liberalisation and a mix of takeover and merger.

The union is determined that lessons from the shipping industry and from deregulation of the American airlines will not be overlooked in Europe.

"We are trying not just to save jobs, but to save airlines, too," Mr Howard says. "We understand that some job losses are unavoidable, but our aim is to ensure that we co-operate with airlines as they move to greater alliances and increased globalisation.

"Any carrier would be mad to try to make major changes without taking the workforce with it." Management seemed to consider labour costs the only area suitable for sweeping economies.

The litany of union worries includes:

- Two-tier structures. To cut costs, carriers are establishing split-level pay and conditions between mainline and subsidiary companies. This is the root cause of problems at BA, where staff at Gatwick and its regional subsidiaries in Manchester, Birmingham and Glasgow are paid up to 30 per cent less than employees at the main company. Germany's Lufthansa has already achieved split-level pay through the creation of an offshoot, Lufthansa Express, which sparked a demonstration by 5,000 airline staff in Bonn last March. Scandinavia's SAS considered creating a low-cost subsidiary but rejected the idea.
- Mergers and alliances — and resulting job losses. Merger talks between SAS, Swissair, Austrian Airlines and KLM would create Europe's biggest airline, but lead to a huge number of redundancies. Plans by Air France to cut 5,000 jobs and introduce compulsory redundancies for the first time led to demonstrators clashing with riot police in Paris last year.
- Off-shore contracting-out. Airlines are looking at cheaper labour markets abroad, such as the Philippines and China, at the cost of jobs in their home markets. Carriers are also rushing to contract out all but core airline operations.
- Safety. The federation worries that pressure on costs is taking attention away from the airlines' prime directive. The union cites the crash of an Air Ontario Fokker F28 twin-engined jet at Dryden, Ontario, on March 10 1989, which killed 24 people. An aviation enquiry found that the carrier, a low-cost feeder to Air Canada, was operating at the limit of safe operations because of cost pressures, and was in breach of safety procedures.

But most airline employee anxiety stems from recent savage job cuts — and the prospect of more.

The merger of Air France and UTA in 1991 cost 3,000 jobs, and 3,200 losses are planned at Sabena Belgian as part of its partnership with Air France. About 16,000 jobs went when Pan Am collapsed in December 1991, and in the early years of US deregulation 36,000 jobs went with the collapse of People Express, Braniff, Frontier and Eastern.

The federation claims that more job cuts will result from BA's recently acquired share of 25 per cent of Qantas. Ironically, union executives sense a change of heart at BA, and the emergence of a more pragmatic approach after years of open hostility from senior management.

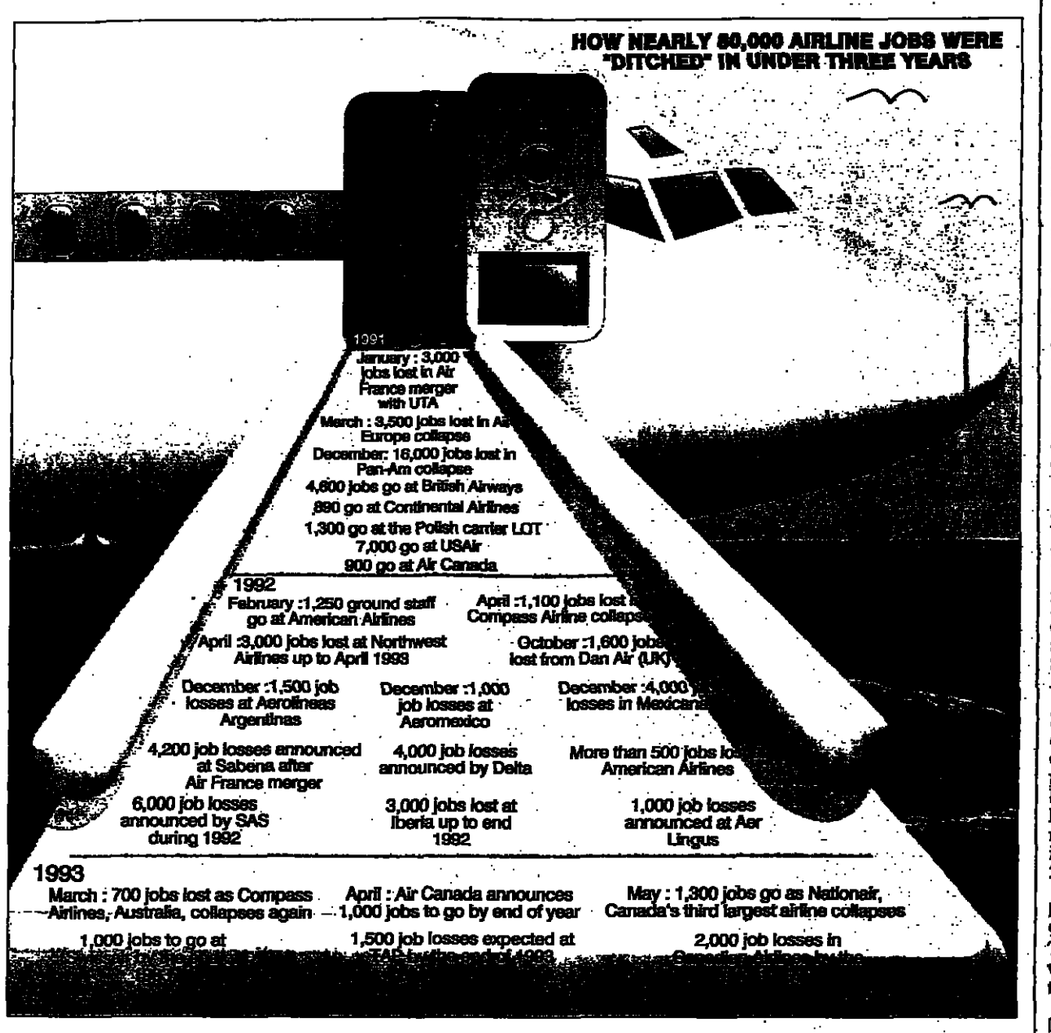
"The attitude seems to be changing from that of 'we don't care' to one of consultation and compromise," Mr Howard says. "We will have to take stock of recent developments."

Last week's BA compromise appears to have resolved differences with cabin crew and ground staff — for the time being — but there remains the much thornier problem of talks with Balpa, which could ground the airline worldwide at an estimated cost to BA of £16 million a day.

Elsewhere in Europe, TAP Air Portugal remains hamstrung by scattered strike action over its policy to abrogate union agreements and refuse consultation in its run-up to privatisation.

Joint action against the airline industry on a pan-European scale is unlikely at present, since the individual unions rather than the federation must decide on the crucial step of striking nationally. But there has already been a European "day of action" in April this year, called by the Brussels-based Committee of Transport Workers' Unions.

The impact was patchy, but it was a taste of things to come.



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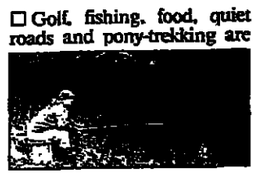
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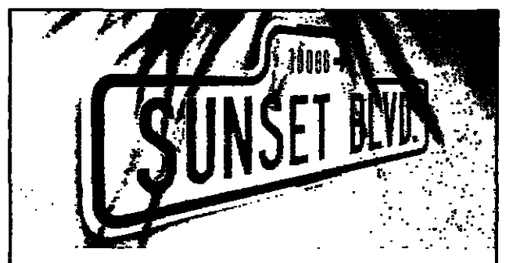
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The 'world's favourite airline' is once more coming under attack

Caribbean gets the BA blues

Hotel owners in the Caribbean are becoming increasingly restive about what they see as lack of competition on air routes from Britain, and the apparent stranglehold that British Airways appears to have on fares and services.

There has also been a stream of complaints about overbooking, which has left passengers with confirmed homeward reservations waiting in slow-moving queues at island airports, only to be told that aircraft are full and to return 24 hours later.

Mike Pemberton, who owns the Royal Pavilion and Glitter Bay hotels in Barbados and the Grand Palazzo in St Thomas, has suggested to Erskine Sandiford, the Barbados prime minister, that it is high time the present arrangements were reviewed.

Mr Pemberton says that fares are disproportionately high and a deterrent when even well-heeled sunseekers are having to keep a closer watch on the purse-strings.

More intensive competition on routes to the United States, for example, means that tour operators can offer packages to Florida and other "sunshine" states that Caribbean destinations cannot hope to match.

BA says that fares to the Caribbean are the subject of bilateral agreements between the British and the various island governments. It rejects the idea that they are out of line with those to Florida, and insists that "in broad terms" they are comparable.



COLORIFIC

Rainbow's end: but you need a pot of gold to get there

The cheapest BA return fare to Barbados, for a minimum seven nights, booked 21 days in advance, is £685 and will rise to £804 early next month. The comparable fare to Miami with those conditions is £450 mid-week and £471 at weekends.

On overbooking, BA says there was "a temporary blip" earlier this year "caused by a change in passengers' predicted pattern of behaviour. In Barbados in February for some reason there was not the usual number of no-shows".

BA flies four non-stop services a week to Barbados, and a fifth via Antigua. The only other carrier, the Trinidad-owned British West Indian Airways, has two flights a week to Barbados and would like more, but says that it is thwarted by the present bilateral agreement.

JOHN YOUNG

Swiss hotel plays the culture card

Forget the Louvre: now it's art in the loo and the lobby at a special price

The success of Paris in luring visitors to the Matisse exhibition at the Pompidou Centre has stung Geneva into trying to establish its own niche as a centre for contemporary art.

An exhibition to mark the modernisation and refurbishment of the Hôtel du Rhône, which once served as General Eisenhower's headquarters at superpower conferences, has provided the catalyst for a *porte ouverte* (open door) weekend in Geneva's commercial and public galleries this month, neatly pre-empting the Venice Biennale and the Basel Art Fair in the art calendar.

The hotel's own loan exhibition has major works by Gilbert & George, Antony Gormley, Richard Long, Tatsuo Miyajima, Bruce Nauman and James Turrell.

Georg Rafael, whose group acquired the Rhône in 1989 and has spent 45 million Swiss francs (about £20.4 million) improving it, argues that hotels occupy a key position in the fabric of a city and make a distinctive contribution to its architectural character. The Rhône is Geneva's only modern listed building and now has art in the lobby, in the cloakroom and in the women's powder room.

A light-emitting diode installation by Miyajima will operate opposite the hotel's cashiers, a 10m line of white onyx by Richard Long will spread along the marble gallery beside the hotel ballroom and one of James Turrell's space constructions is to be recreated in the ballroom. Three lead figures that Gormley has based on casts of his own body will overlook the tea lounge.

For the duration of the exhibition the Hôtel du Rhône is offering a special package at about £170 for double occupancy of luxury rooms.

"We cannot all have Matisse exhibitions", Eric Glattfelder, the hotel manager said this week, "but in Geneva we are very aware that art is important for some travellers. Geneva already has special tax arrangements to encourage art auctions in the city. Now we intend to establish our interest in contemporary art exhibitions as well."

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Noise battle breaks out at Heathrow

The popularity of Britain's premier airport leaves problems in the slipstream. **Harvey Elliott** reports

The record profit revealed this week by BAA, formerly the British Airports Authority, has underlined the continuing worldwide demand from airlines and their passengers to land at Heathrow, and created a new impetus for plans to expand the airport as fast as possible.

BAA wants to speed up the development of a new fifth terminal, while the government is about to relax night-flight restrictions to enable new and quieter aircraft, already growing in number rapidly, to fly in around the clock.

BAA and the airlines are furiously lobbying the transport department for a last-minute change which will allow jumbo jets to land before 6am, while local environmental groups are bringing pressure on MPs to have the proposals scrapped altogether and to call a complete halt to any further development.

A final decision on the noise rules is to be taken by the end of this month. But both sides in the battle have been surprised by the central argument in the transport department's consultation paper, which claims that "the number of disturbances caused by aircraft noise is so small that it has a negligible effect on overall normal disturbance rates" and are "not at a level likely to affect people's health or well-being".

Privately, even the airlines admit that the findings took them aback. Local residents maintain that no aircraft is completely quiet.

At the same time, many scheduled, Heathrow-based airlines say the proposals are meaningless because there is no demand for all-night services — except by cargo airlines — while there is a tremendous demand for long-range jumbo jet flights to be allowed in earlier in the morning. Charter airlines, which have smaller twin-engined aircraft using Gatwick, are much happier, however, because the new rules, if introduced in full, would enable them to fly three short-haul holiday services a day, an efficient use of their aircraft.

The department's review of night flights was the first for five years. It said that technological developments had already led to progressively quieter aircraft and the original noisy jets had been banned. The next noisiest generation would be phased out over the next decade.

The new proposals were designed, in part, to encourage airlines to invest in quieter planes. "Aircraft and airlines can only operate profitably if sufficient passengers want to use them", it was stated in the paper. "If restrictions are imposed in the UK that mean certain flights are not as convenient or their costs higher than competitors abroad can offer, the passengers will prefer alternatives that better suit their requirements. UK airports and airlines would lose business if prevented by unduly restrictive night restrictions from competing on reasonably equivalent terms."

Using research from a survey of 400 people living near airports, the paper concluded that the chance of an average person being wakened during the night by aircraft noise of between 90 and 100 decibels was one in 75.

Aircraft should be classified under six categories, with different quotas for the number of landings and take-offs, depending on the amount of noise they make. The noisiest would not be allowed to land at night at all; those in the middle would be limited and the very quietest — such as the Boeing 757 and 767, the Airbus A320 and A310 and the BAe 146 — would be given free access.

The proposals were heavily criticised by the Heathrow Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise (HACAN), which said that the local population "totally opposed" any relaxation of the existing night controls. The group says the survey was "fundamentally flawed" and is seeking an independent review of sleep disturbance.

HACAN claims that research by local authorities shows that 83 per cent of residents of Richmond upon Thames have sleep disturbed by aircraft noise, as do 70 per cent of Hounslow residents and 60 per cent of those living in Windsor and Maidenhead. HACAN's own research reveals that fewer than 5 per cent of respondents are not disturbed by night flights and, of those that are, 84 per cent are woken at least once a week, mainly between the hours of 4am and 6am.

HACAN is urging MPs to support calls for a complete reversal of existing policy, under which Heathrow has been allowed to grow piecemeal: to halt all further development, such as terminal five; and to press instead for a completely new airport, to be called Marinair, in the Thames Estuary.



Plane? What plane? Airport authority research suggests that aircraft noise has a negligible effect on sleep. Nonsense, the residents say

TRAVELOG

Hotels for show-goers

LONDON hotels are starting to tackle the problems faced by residents of the Home Counties who want to visit a West End theatre but face the inevitable dilemma of whether to drink with a restaurant meal before driving home or to rely on British Rail and possibly miss their last train.

The Hyde Park Hotel in Knightsbridge (071-235 2000) has produced a package in which champagne is served in the lounge in the early evening before starters and main course in the restaurant. A chauffeur-driven car then takes guests to the theatre, where there is more champagne in the interval.

The car returns guests to the hotel for dessert, coffee and liqueurs.

For four or more people, the price is £80 each and for such numbers, the hotel then offers a double room for the night at an extra £175. Theatre tickets are extra.

The idea is to overcome the problem of eating either too early before curtain up, or too late when many restaurants are closed.

Small hotels are also coming up with bright ideas to attract guests who decide at a late stage that they cannot face the journey home.

The Sloane Hotel in Chelsea (071-581 5757) halves the price of its rooms for anyone booking after 6pm as a standby deal on the same lines as that used by airlines for late bookers. This means that a double room is available from £55 for the night rather than £110.

Forte Hotels (0345-543 555) has theatre breaks lasting for two or more nights, which must include a Saturday night, with a range of prices depending on the grade of hotel chosen.

For £110, for example, the Posthouse Hampstead, Posthouse Heathrow or Regent Palace Hotel will include two nights' accommodation, dinner and breakfast as well as a ticket to *The Mousetrap*, *Blood Brothers*, *Woman in Black*, *Return to the Forbidden Planet* or *It Runs in the Family*.

Tickets for more expensive shows are available at a higher price and a mid-week two-night break is available at other Forte hotels in central London. The Waldorf has a special offer to see the Lloyd Webber musical, *Sunset Boulevard*, costing £199 a person, which includes a bottle of champagne in the room, two nights' accommodation full breakfast and good seats.

The Regent Hotel in Marylebone Road (071-631 8000) has a range of arts-orientated weekend breaks centred on two nights' accommodation and tickets to the Open Air Theatre in Regent's Park, concerts in the Wigmore Hall, or ballet or Opera in the Royal Opera House. Prices range from £381 to £502 for two.

A fling at breakfast in the Highlands

Vitamin C was in short supply in a search for Scottish generosity

The Highland hotel was modest, cheap, remote and full of walkers and climbers. The breakfast menu was comprehensive, as befits an establishment catering to those who will be out on the hills all day.

"Orange juice and porridge to start, followed by the full grill," I said. The dour scullion taking the orders fixed me with unsmiling gaze. "Which one?"

"Both; orange juice *and* porridge," I replied.

"Ye canna have both. It's one or the other. Orange juice *or* porridge." My need at that moment was equally for mountain fuel and for a palate cleanser after the single malts of the evening before. I held my ground. "Orange juice *and* porridge. I am even prepared to pay a supplement for the juice." He grumbled off, miraculously returning with orange juice and porridge, both of which were set before me with something less than perfect grace.

The next day, in another hotel 50 miles away in Fort William, I had an exact repetition. To request juice *and* porridge is to be a mean, grasping tourist who thinks he can eat the hotelier into bankruptcy. Neither managements pursued their unspoken threats to add the cost of not much less than 100ml of catering-pack juice to my bill.

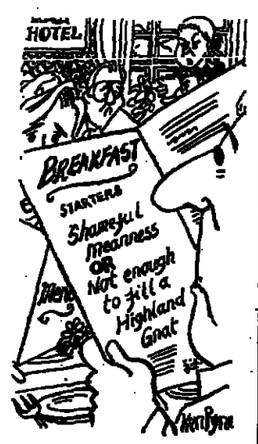
The second hotel's core business was the coach tour trade, where costing is a fine art. But forcing the breakfaster to choose between starters is a vile scroogery.

Scotland is a world tourist draw, and the Scottish Tourist Board has worked miracles in raising what was once an abysmal general standard of hotels to what, in a great many cases, is now excellence. But many in the remoter areas — where, by definition, there is no choice — appear to have escaped the net. Foreign visitors are told that the way to survive in Britain is to go for the big breakfast. That means juice *and* porridge.

The only way to serve breakfast is to lay out the cold components for the guests to help themselves, and to serve the hot items with a modicum of civility and good grace.

Next, my continuing despair at a practice still widespread in the Highlands that is the hotelier's ultimate laziness: tinned carrots.

ALAN HAMILTON



Supplements that can hit you for 30

Many big-name holiday companies are publishing brochures with details of prices which may mislead customers, according to an independent travel agency. A holiday can cost up to 30 per cent more than the advertised price when room and flight supplements (often contained in the small print) and insurance are added, it says.

Corona Holidays, a London company, claims that in most of the cases it has considered, prices are quoted for four people sharing a one-bedroom apartment. Supplements for a couple sharing can be £10 a person a night. Corona also says brochures do not always make it clear that day flights often carry supplements and that insurance is extra.

Alan Cornish, the owner of Corona, which sends 5,000 independent travellers to the Canaries every year, calls the practice "a scandal". He says: "For example, the summer 1993 Airtours 'Sunrise' brochure, described as a Recession Beater, shows the price for an apartment in Tenerife as £369 a person for 14 days (July 23 to August 9). This is based on four passengers in a one-bedroom apartment. For the more realistic two persons sharing a one-bedroom apartment, the supplement is £7.49 a person a night — an increase of £104.86 a person."

Mr Cornish says the cheapest Airtours day flight has a further supplement of £9 a person and, if Airtours arrange insurance, it would be a further £23.95 a head. The final price, he says, is £506.81.

"Flight supplements and higher insurance premiums boost the Airtours price to way above the figures in the main price grid," he says. "Airtours are not the only company; all the big operators have the same policy."

An Airtours spokeswoman says: "Many of our properties do not have supplements and it is not our fault if people do not read the brochure properly. Our pricing structure is shown clearly."

MARIANNE CURPHEY

Sweden cuts tourist tax

Swedish MPs decided yesterday to lower the Value Added Tax on all tourist services from 21 per cent to 12 per cent, from the beginning of next month. The reduction of the tax by nearly a half covers all domestic travel, hotels, restaurants, ski-lifts, amusement parks and similar businesses. "This is very good news for foreign tourists, but also for Swedish people travelling at home," said Per-Johan Orrby, the president of Next Stop Sweden, a marketing organisation owned by 319 tourism companies.

In the past year, hundreds of hotels and restaurants went out of business and more than 25,000 people employed in the tourist industry lost their jobs. The biggest individual failure was Sara Hotels, Sweden's largest hotel chain, which went bankrupt last month.

Bengt Sahlberg, Professor of Tourism at Ostersund University, said: "1992 was a catastrophic year. We never before reached such a low point in our commercial hotel sector, with an average occupancy rate of under 40 per cent, and many hotels down around 34 to 35 per cent."

Hard times for the hotel and restaurant trade forced the survivors to cut their prices dramatically. One year ago, hotel prices in Stockholm were about SKR800-1300 (£71.40-£116) for a double room. The same room, with breakfast included, can be rented today for SKR400-900 (£35.70-£80.40), or even less at the weekends. Thanks to the depreciation of the Krone, it also costs less to eat out. A typical lunch goes for about SKR50 (£4.50), but pub crawlers had best bring a fat wallet; a draft lager can cost the same.

Now, this traditionally expensive destination is suddenly much more attractive. At least 10 to 15 per cent more tourists are expected to visit Sweden this year as a result, with the biggest increase, about 30 per cent, expected to come from Germany. British tourists are also rediscovering Sweden.

Probably the best time to visit Stockholm is August 5-16, when Sweden's lovely capital city, which is built on islands, stages its annual water festival. Last year, the festival had more than 1.2 million visitors. Attractions include a street carnival, dozens of musical and theatrical performances, boat races, an international fireworks competition, air show and the world's largest crayfish party.

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Major 'in office but not in power'

■ Norman Lamont exacted a brutal revenge for his dismissal by unleashing a devastating attack on John Major's style of government and sabotaging his efforts to regain authority.

In a resignation speech that raised new questions over Mr Major's future, the former Chancellor accused him of listening too much to the opinion polls and giving the impression of being "in office but not in power" ..Pages 1, 2

Lamont attack leads to Tory in-fighting

■ The Conservative party's two camps were engaged in hand-to-hand fighting after Norman Lamont's ambush of the man who banished him. Right-wingers were in no doubt that Mr Lamont had hastened the prime minister's eventual demise. But the centre-left said the attack had damaged Mr Lamont more than Mr Major..... Page 3

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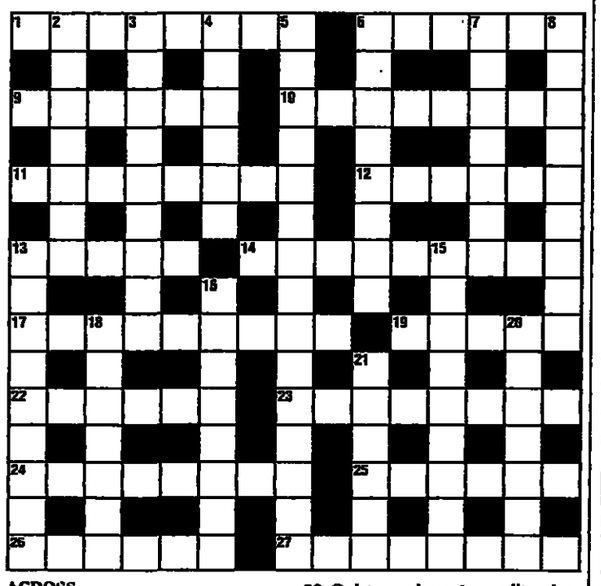
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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.36	2.16
Austria Sch	18.50	17.00
Belgium Fr	54.10	49.70
Canada $	2.07	1.91
Denmark Kr	10.09	9.29
Finland Mkk	10.1	9.39
France Fr	8.93	8.13
Germany Dm	2.62	2.42
Greece Dr	359.00	328.00
Hong Kong $	12.36	11.36
Ireland Pt	1.095	0.985
Italy Lire	2395.00	2190.00
Japan Yen	178.00	160.00
Netherlands Gld	2.945	2.715
Norway Kr	11.09	10.27
Portugal Esc	246.00	228.00
South Africa Rd	6.35	5.35
Spain Pta	195.25	182.25
Sweden Kr	11.61	10.81
Switzerland Fr	2.35	2.17
Turkey Lira	16100.0	15100.0
USA $	1.612	1.482

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

WEATHER

Much of Britain will have a cloudy, misty start with patchy fog. Thundery showers at first, but becoming drier and brighter. However, further thundery showers will develop; some will be very heavy. Warm and humid, although cooler than of late in the south. Coastal districts in the east will be cool with onshore breezes and patchy fog. Outlook: further thundery rain, but becoming brighter and fresher from the southwest.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=log; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	26	79	s	Luxor	34	93	s
Akrotiri	26	79	s	Madrid	20	68	f
Alex'dria	25	77	s	Majorca	24	75	s
Algiers	26	79	f	Malaga	27	81	s
Amst'dm	26	79	s	Malta	25	77	c
Athens	28	82	s	Mello'rne	14	57	c
Bahrain	32	90	s	Mexico C*	25	77	s
Bangkok	33	91	f	Miami*	32	90	s
Barbados*	31	88	s	Milan	26	84	s
Barcelna	24	75	f	Montreal*	19	66	f
Beirut	24	75	c	Moscow	7	45	r
Belgrade	26	79	f	Munich	26	79	s
Berlin	24	75	s	Naples	30	86	s
Bermuda*	26	78	f	N York*	27	81	s
Biarritz	22	72	f	Nice	25	77	f
Borde'x	26	79	s	Oslo	20	68	s
Brussels	28	82	s	Paris	30	86	s
Budapst	24	75	s	Peking	28	82	f
B Aires*	8	46	r	Perth	15	59	c
Cairo	31	88	s	Prague	25	77	f
Cape Tn	17	63	c	Reykjavik	12	54	c
Chicago*	19	66	r	Rhodes	27	81	s
Ch'church	18	81	s	Rio de J	30	86	s
Cologne	28	82	s	Rio de J	28	82	s
C'phagn	21	70	s	Riyadh	42	108	s
Corfu	28	82	s	Salzburg	27	81	s
Dublin	15	59	f	S F'isco*	20	68	s
Dubrovnik	31	88	s	Santiago*	12	54	s
Faro	28	68	c	Seoul	22	72	f
Florence	32	90	f	Sing'por	31	88	t
Frankfurt	29	84	s	Stckholm	21	70	f
Funchal	22	72	c	Straeb'g	29	84	s
Geneva	27	81	s	Sydney	17	63	s
Gibraltar	28	73	c	Tangier	22	72	c
Helsinki	15	59	f	Tel Aviv	26	79	f
Hong K	28	82	c	Tenerife	24	75	f
Innsbruck	32	90	f	Tokyo	17	63	r
Istanbul	24	75	f	Toronto*	14	57	r
Jeddah	35	95	s	Tunis	29	84	s
Jo'burg*	20	68	s	Valencia	26	79	f
Karachi	35	95	s	Vanc'ver*	15	59	c
L.Palmas	23	73	c	Venice	27	81	s
Le Tquet	29	84	s	Vienna	25	77	s
Lisbon	17	63	c	Warsaw	23	73	f
Locarno	25	77	f	Wash'ton*	26	79	f
L.Angels*	21	70	s	Wel'ton	16	61	s
Luxemtg	27	81	s	Zurich	27	81	s

* denotes figures are latest available

RAINFALL

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Northolt, 29C (84F); lowest day max: Sumburgh, Shetland, 14C (57F); highest rainfall: Wick, Highland, 0.20in; highest sunshine: Worthing, West Sussex, 15.3hr.

UK

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 24C (75F); min 6pm to 6am, 14C (57F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.25in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 5.7hr.

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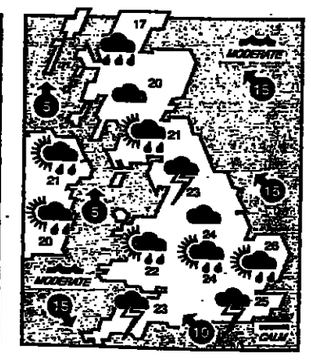
Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 22C (72F); min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.05in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 1.6hr.

UK

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	9.1	-	21	70	sunny
Anglesey	4.7	-	17	63	sunny
Aviemore	5.9	-	21	70	cloudy
Belfast	2.3	-	20	68	bright
Birmingham	12.4	-	25	77	sunny
Bognor Regis	14.8	-	23	73	sunny
Bournemouth	14.2	-	23	73	sunny
Bristol	14.2	-	26	79	sunny
Buxton	10.0	-	23	73	bright
Cardiff	14.1	-	24	75	sunny
Clacton	13.7	-	20	68	sunny
Colwyn Bay	8.4	-	18	64	bright
Cromer	13.0	-	20	68	sunny
Eastbourne	14.7	-	20	68	sunny
Exmouth	13.6	-	19	66	sunny
Falmouth	12.6	-	20	68	sunny
Fishestrne	14.1	-	22	72	sunny
Hunstanton	14.0	-	21	70	sunny
Isle of Man	-	-	14	57	cloudy
Jersey	14.3	-	27	81	sunny
Kinloss	2.3	-	22	72	bright
Leeds	12.5	-	25	77	sunny
Lerwick	0.5	0.01	14	57	fog
Littlehampton	14.1	-	23	73	sunny
Liverpool	6.9	-	21	70	bright
London	14.7	-	28	82	sunny
Lowestoft	11.7	-	23	73	sunny
Margate	13.1	-	25	77	sunny
Morecambe	7.4	-	20	68	sunny
Newcastle	12.9	-	22	72	sunny
Plymouth	13.8	-	23	73	sunny
Salcombe	12.6	-	20	68	sunny
Seamton Snd	14.0	-	24	75	sunny
Scarborough	12.4	-	19	66	sunny
Scilly Isles	12.0	-	19	66	sunny
Shanklin	14.5	-	22	72	sunny
Southend	12.0	-	27	81	sunny
Stornoway	11.3	0.01	16	61	sunny
Tenby	8.4	-	20	68	bright
Tiree	4.0	0.20	15	59	sunny
Worthing	15.3	-	22	72	sunny

These figures are Tuesday's

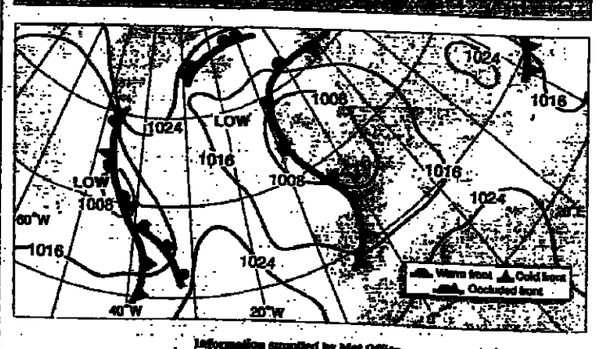




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TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.29	6.8	6.34	6.5	Liverpool	3.38	8.6	4.03	8.0
Aberdeen	5.41	3.8	6.32	3.5	Lowestoft	2.20	2.1	1.58	2.3
Avonmouth	11.49	11.1			Margate	4.41	4.4	4.41	4.4
Belfast	3.37	3.3	4.15	2.9	Milford Haven	10.52	5.8	11.14	5.9
Cardiff	11.34	10.4	11.54	10.3	Newquay	9.47	5.9	10.10	6.0
Devonport	10.16	4.6	10.22	4.8	Oban	10.05	3.2	10.37	3.4
Dover	3.34	5.9	3.51	6.1	Penzance	9.24	4.8	9.31	4.8
Falmouth	9.46	4.4	9.52	4.6	Portland	11.08	1.6	11.20	1.6
Glasgow	5.13	4.7	5.41	4.2	Portsmouth	3.37	4.2	4.14	4.3
Harwich	4.21	3.7	4.27	3.6	Shoreham	3.24	5.5	3.59	5.5
Holyhead	2.45	5.1	3.20	4.6	Southampton	3.20	3.9	4.04	3.9
Hull	10.48	6.8	11.27	6.1	Swansea	10.35	7.7	10.59	7.8
Ilfracombe	10.35	7.7	10.59	7.8	Tees	10.55	8.0	11.17	8.1
King's Lynn	10.55	5.9	11.42	5.3	Wilton-on-Nze	8.19	5.0	9.04	4.6
Leith	7.08	4.6	7.52	4.7		4.18	3.9	4.24	3.8



Information supplied by Met Office

MOON

London 9.47 pm to 4.14 am
Bristol 9.56 pm to 4.24 am
Edinburgh 10.27 pm to 3.58 am
Manchester 10.06 pm to 4.11 am
Penzance 10.03 pm to 4.43 am

Sun rises: 4.44 am
Sun sets: 9.17 pm
Moon rises: 12.30 pm
Moon sets: 11.10 am
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EUROPE

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	16	61	f	Guernsey	21	70	s
B'mingham	20	68	t	Inverness	17	63	s
Blackpool	25	77	s	Jersey	24	75	s
Bristol	23	73	f	London	25	77	s
Cardiff	20	68	c	M'nchester	23	73	c
Edinburgh	18	64	f	Newcastle	22	72	s
Glasgow	21	70	f	R'ridaway	20	68	s

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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5095 (-0.0096)
German mark.. 2.4741 (+0.0095)
Exchange Index ..... 79.1 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2868.9 (+22.5)
Dow Jones . 3525.21 (+14.67)*
Nikkei Avge ..... Closed

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank..... 5⅝-5⅝%
US Federal Funds..... 3%*
3-month Treas Bills. 3.11-3.10%*
Long Bond 6.90%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£/$	1.5150*	£/$	1.5155
$/DM	1.6380*	£/DM	2.4788
$/SWfr	1.4745*	£/SWfr	2.2354
$/Ffr	5.5090*	£/Ffr	8.3510
$/Yen	106.55*	£/Yen	161.47
£/SDR	1.0707	£/ECU	1.2666

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 370.65 ..... PM 371.45
Close 371.50-372.00
New York:
Comex 372.45-372.95*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 140.6 April (1.3%)
* Denotes midday trading price

George tells Clarke not to go for growth

By Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

■ The Bank of England has mounted a strong rearguard action against those pressing the new Chancellor to cut interest rates to accelerate recovery

EDDIE George, deputy governor of the Bank of England, has issued a strong diplomatic warning to the new Chancellor not to make quick cuts in interest rates in an attempt to accelerate economic recovery.

Sustained low interest rates could only follow the conquest of inflation, he argued, and attempts to put the cart before the horse were doomed to failure. His strong words will be seen as a rearguard action when the government is being advised on all sides to cut rates, regardless of the effect on sterling, because there are no inflationary pressures.

Mr George, who becomes Governor at the end of this month, said: "Reports of the death of inflation are greatly exaggerated. Underlying inflation, still today, is running at around 3-3½ per cent a year and there is no clear evidence that it will fall further over the next year or so."

Speaking at a CBI regional dinner in Cambridgeshire last night, Mr George said bond yields of 8 per cent were also evidence that the financial markets were not convinced inflation was dead.

In an attack on those seeking further rate cuts to help the economy "go for growth", Mr George said this was a throwback to the trade-off mentality a generation ago, when people thought you could have more growth if you lived with a bit more inflation. "It is disappointing that this impatience for recovery should apparently tempt even some serious commentators to forget the lessons that should have been drummed home indelibly by earlier decades of failure".

The incoming Governor, renowned for his distaste for inflation, has chosen a moment when Kenneth Clarke is reviewing economic policy to mount a stout defence of the pre-devaluation policies of his forerunner, Norman Lamont, and argue against any fundamental change of emphasis.

Robin Leigh-Pemberton, retiring Governor, supported his successor's stand at the international monetary conference in Stockholm. He said: "I think it is unfair to say Mr Clarke is going in there as a populist Chancellor who will lower interest rates."

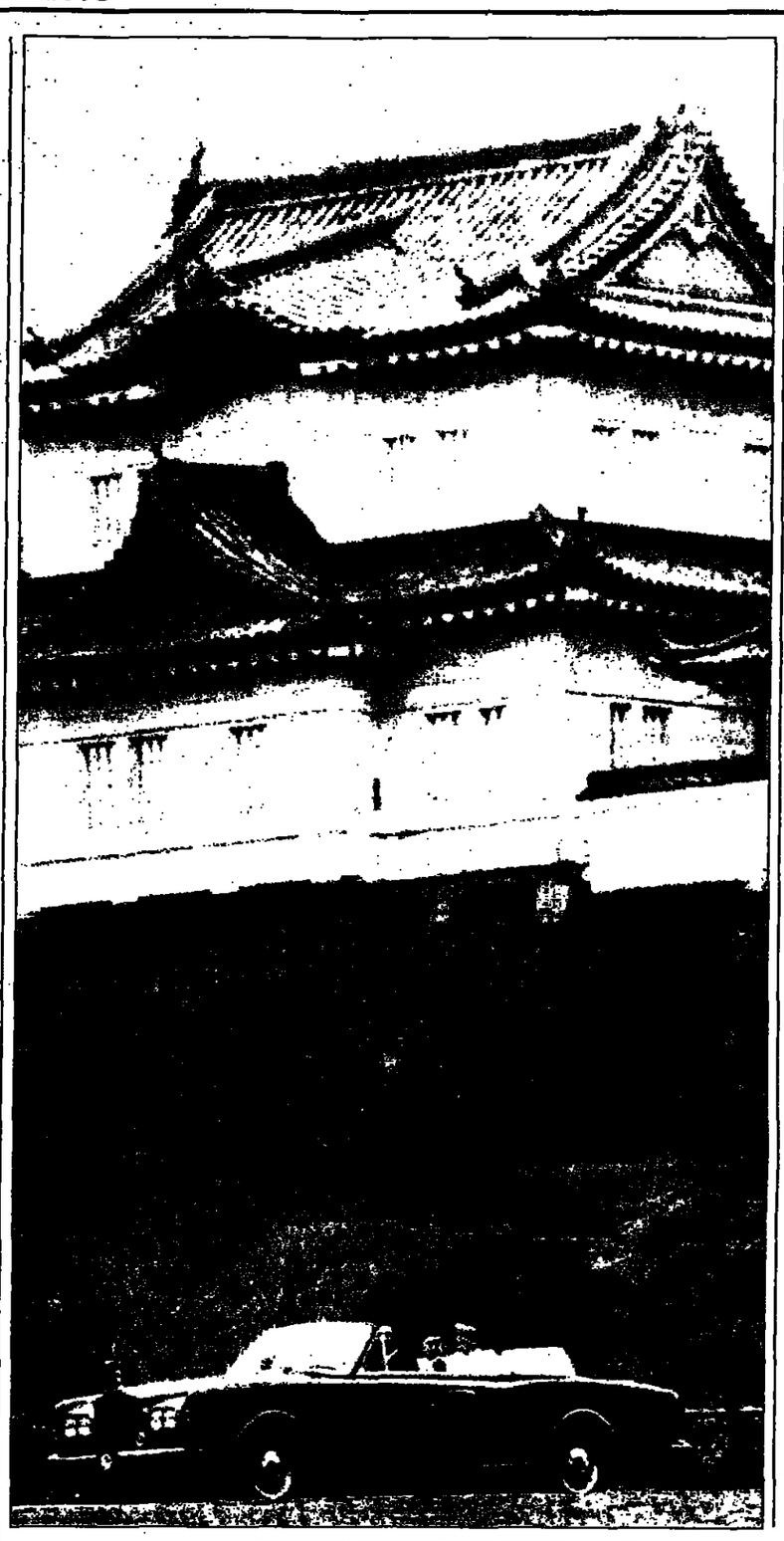
Mr George said refusal to court short-term popularity had given the country "the potential for an upturn lasting through much of the rest of the decade — provided we are patient enought to exploit that potential". He said further rate cuts might not even succeed in the short term if people did not believe they would last. "You cannot simply opt for lower interest rates, regardless of inflationary expectations, and expect them to remain low for very long."

The long recession was not caused by prolonged high interest rates, he argued, but by the earlier failure of monetary policy. He said the government should not have treated 5 per cent inflation as an acceptable target.

Sound money was not an end in itself, Mr George said, but a means to achieve sustainable growth of output and employment. "It is not just the abstract ideal of a crusty, academic, profession that likes to see everyone else dressed in hair shirts."

☐ The Treasury's monthly monetary report, issued yesterday, noted that most monetary measures had fallen back.

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Royals Royce: the luxury carmaker is hoping exports to Japan will flourish following yesterday's royal seal of approval as the newly married Crown Prince Naruhito and Crown Princess Masako took a tour of Tokyo in a Rolls-Royce convertible. The three-mile parade was superb publicity for the company, owned by Vickers, which has seen worldwide sales of "Rollers" and Bentleys plummet from 3,333 in 1990 to 1,378 in 1992. The company said: "We are absolutely thrilled ... to be used on a royal occasion like this represents all that is best about the company." (Japanese joy, page 11)

Soros makes his mark

By Colin Narbrough
World Trade Correspondent

GEORGE Soros, the speculator whose market judgment earned him $1 billion in the turmoil surrounding the pound's exit from the European exchange-rate mechanism, has dented the mark with an article in *The Times*.

The German currency weakened sharply after yesterday's article, in which Mr Soros reinforced the view widely held in the currency market that Germany's short-term interest rates will have to be lowered further and the mark weakened, whether or not the Bundesbank likes it.

The dollar climbed through the DM1.63 resistance point, the level at which dealers had been wary about Bundesbank intervention. After reaching a peak of DM1.6410, it slipped back to DM1.6355, more than a pfennig above Tuesday's London close.

Avinash Persaud, senior currency analyst at UBS, said the Soros article had a definite impact on the foreign exchange market that was only temporarily reversed by the Bundesbank's failure to lower its securities repurchase, or repo, rate, and by hawkish comments from Helmut Schlesinger, the central bank's president, about the need for a strong mark.

Mr Persaud said: "The Soros remarks helped reinforce the negative psychology for the mark." He noted that the bond markets were already discounting a narrowing of the differential between German and French paper, and expected the recession in Germany to force the Bundesbank to lower rates.

The pound reached DM2.4791 at the official 4pm London close, almost a pfennig and a half up from Tuesday. Sterling's trade-weighted index was 0.1 higher at 79.1.

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London firms facing 300% rate rise for terrorism cover

By Sarah Bagnall, Insurance Correspondent

BUSINESSES in the City of London, prime targets for the IRA bombing campaign, face rises in terrorism insurance premiums of up to 300 per cent after the government's decision to force through rate changes from July 1.

The government's overhaul of the rating structure — six months after earlier rate increases — switches the burden of terrorism cover costs to high-target companies in the City of London and away from lower-target companies.

An office block in the City of London with an insured value of £500 million will have a 311 per cent rise in terrorism rates from £175,000 to £720,000. But a Devon hotel with an insured value of £10 million will benefit from a 47 per cent drop in premiums from £1,700 to £900. The changes are aimed at raising the total level of premiums paid by businesses in order to minimise the cost to the government, which covers any shortfall between claims and the funds available.

The government is said to be unhappy with the level collected by Pool Re, the vehicle into which all the premiums are paid. By reducing the cost to lower-target businesses it is hoped more companies will opt to insure against terrorism acts, boosting Pool Re's coffers.

The DTI move has angered representatives from the insurance, retail and property sectors and the Confederation of British Industry, who met Neil Hamilton, junior minister at the trade and industry department, yesterday.

The CBI officials voiced their dissatisfaction that the changes were made without consultation and were rushed through resulting in an unfair spreading of the costs.

Bernard Harty, the chamberlain at the Corporation of London, which has a property portfolio valued at more than £5 billion, said under the new rating structure, the corporation's terrorism cover bill "will be in the order of £7 million".

Mr Harty added that "London makes a major contribution to the economy, which the rest of the country benefits from, but the bulk of the burden falls on London based businesses".

A spokesman for the Association of British Insurers, said the DTI should have addressed other unresolved and important issues concerning terrorism cover before pushing through the rate changes.

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Tale of two cities is all too familiar



IRWIN STELZER

A Washington-based American columnist feels right at home in London. For one thing, the financial press in both cities is dominated by discussions of whether or not the economic recoveries now under way in both countries will prove durable or are merely false springs. Economists on both sides of the Atlantic puzzle over conflicting economic data. In the UK, as in the US, retail sales seem to spurt one month, and then drop back to recession levels the next, with only automobile and, perhaps, housing sales showing a steady upward trend on both sides of the Atlantic. And in Washington, as in London, all eyes focus on the jobs markets, which are not responding to increases in output with sufficient vigor to satisfy policy makers.

This economic uncertainty is fueled in both capitals by the inability of the parties in power to govern effectively. John Major's Conservatives lose the Newbury by-election, forfeiting a constituency that has long been safely counted in the Tory fold. Meanwhile, Bill Clinton's Democrats lose the Texas Senate seat (vacated by Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen) to a Republican, putting both of the state's seats in the hands of the Republicans for the first time since the Civil War. Political similarities don't stop there. Both prime minister and president have equally uncanny knacks for finding banana skins on which to plant their feet. Both leaders, eager to recover from public opinion polls that show their popularities at the lowest levels ever recorded, try to appease various constituencies with new appointments. And it doesn't work.

John Major's elevation of Kenneth Clarke to the Chancellorship brought howls of indignation from the right wing of his party and no round of applause from the public. Bill Clinton's effort to slip leftish Lani Guinier into a high position in justice department drove moderate and right wings of his own party into opposition, followed by the left wing when he withdrew her nomination.

Nor can Major or Clinton find relief in the foreign policy area, usually conducive to the popularity of incumbent leaders. The American president first pledged to intervene with military force in Bosnia, only to have to renege on that pledge when his European allies publicly turned down appeals for co-operation from his hapless secretary of state. John Major strained and may have ruptured the special relationship that has long endured between Britain and America by threatening to veto an American plan for greater involvement in Bosnia if Clinton dared present it to the Security Council.

Major seems unable to develop a foreign policy that would permit Britain to remain the link between Europe and America, while Clinton seems unable to define the American superpower's role in a post-Cold War world.

Only in the economic policy sphere does a significant difference exist, with prime minister having an edge over president. With both economies beginning to show signs of life, Major and Clinton would dearly love to inject a stimulus that would turn probable recoveries into assured ones. But both are faced with enormous budget deficits, running to something like 5 per cent of GDP in America and an unsustainable 8 per cent in Britain. Both are reluctant to take an axe to social spending that benefits their middle class backers. So both opt for recovery-stifling tax increases.

Where John Major has more running room than Bill Clinton is in monetary policy. US short-term interest rates are already below the inflation rate, making the Federal Reserve Board nervous and increasingly likely to raise those rates a bit. If it does not, and if inflation takes hold, American investors will demand and get higher long-term rates, aborting the recovery. So the president has no stimulus levers to pull: his need to reduce the deficit dictates a contractionary fiscal policy, and already-low interest rates prohibit an expansionary monetary policy. The prime minister, on the other hand, has room to stimulate Britain's economy by cutting interest rates. Whether or not he and his new Chancellor will do so remains to be seen. If they do, and if the US recovery survives Clinton's taxes, voters in both countries might begin to forget, or at least forgive, the so-far incredibly incompetent performances of their leaders.

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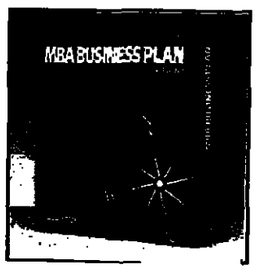
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Powell Duffryn cites BR sale for loss of jobs

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

■ France, which has a thriving industry supplying rolling stock, looks set to benefit at Britain's expense from the uncertainty ahead of the British rail sell-off

A SECOND manufacturer for the rail industry has blamed uncertainty over British Rail privatisation for the loss of hundreds of jobs. Powell Duffryn says the muddle over the future of rail has cost 300 jobs and forced the the closure of two factories.

On Monday, ABB Transportation, Britain's biggest train builder, announced it is to shed 900 jobs because BR has stopped placing new orders before its much-criticised privatisation.

David Hubbard, chairman of Powell Duffryn — which makes bogies for rolling stock — says some orders will probably have to go to France, which still has a thriving industry providing rolling stock, after the closure of factories in Cardiff, at a cost of 200 jobs, and Heywood in Lancashire, which employed 100.

The two plants had produced about £30 million of work a year in the stone, oil and cement industries, among others, which ran dedicated stock on BR track.

BR had placed pilot orders for a new product line but further work had dried up as privatisation loomed, said Mr Hubbard. "We...pleaded for more orders, because if they didn't [order], we would have to close the factories."

Powell Duffryn took its pleas to government officials and even to Number 10, but without success. Heywood closed in November and Cardiff two months later.

Two other potential sources of work dried up from lack of government encouragement. The Charterrail project fell apart, and a subsequent possible order from the British, French and German railway industries for a new range of car carriers to serve the motor industry went to French manufacturers amid industry talk of additional help from the government there.

As luck would have it, a big order was received by Powell Duffryn this year from National Power, the biggest of the two electricity generators, which is required to ship large amounts of coal around the country to its power stations. "This would have been made in this country if we had the factories," said Mr Hubbard. "But it was placed three weeks after we closed Cardiff — that's the way it works."

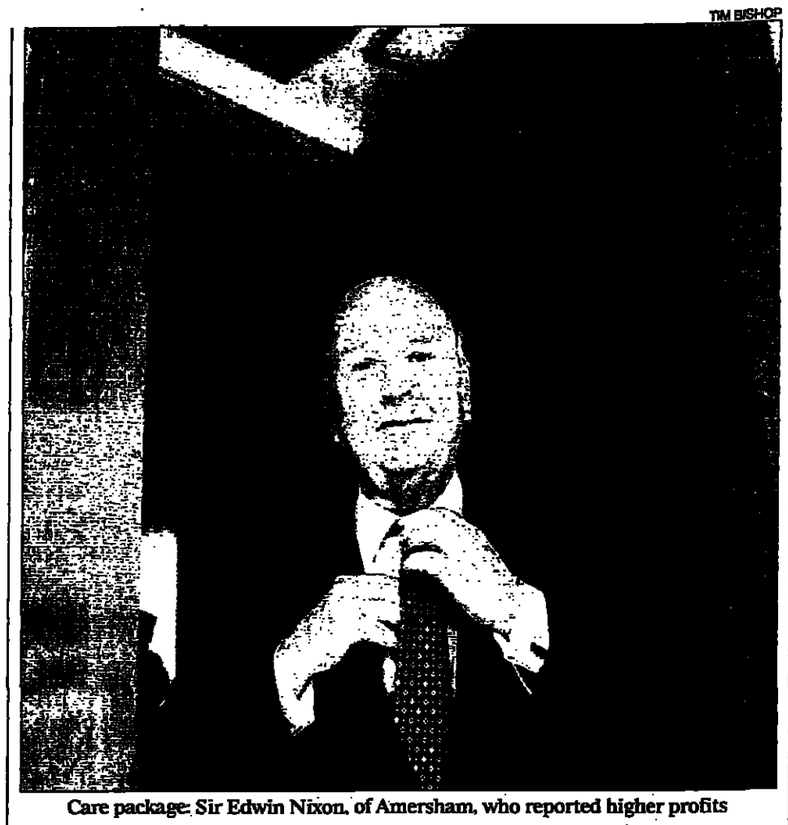
He blames the delays imposed on orders from the rail industry before privatisation rather than British Rail itself for the death of two factories. But Mr Hubbard is less than impressed by claims by John MacGregor, the transport secretary, in the House of Commons this year that no supplier to the industry would suffer because of privatisation.

The department was sticking to this line yesterday. "Ministers have said there will be no hiatus in the provision of rolling stock because of privatisation," a spokeswoman said.



Hubbard: plea for orders

TIM BISHOP



Care package: Sir Edwin Nixon, of Amersham, who reported higher profits

Healthy view for Amersham

By Our Deputy City Editor

AMERSHAM International, the health care group that was one of the government's first privatisations, has as yet seen no sign of the feared squeeze on the health industry's profits by the Clinton administration that has unsettled the entire sector on the stock market.

Bill Castell, the chief executive, said: "We've not seen any negative impact yet — we believe any policy that any capitalist government will come through with will support innovation."

Instead, the group hopes to benefit from heavier spending on research and development that will boost orders for its life sciences division, which sells largely to research scientists.

Sir Edwin Nixon, the chairman, reported a rise in pre-tax profits in the year to end-March from £20.7 million to £26.3 million, helped by a £3.7 million swing on the interest line. The result was despite lower profits from the life sciences sector, where trading was difficult in the main continental markets and Japan.

Amersham is raising the total dividend by 1p, a final of 9.5p making a 13.5p total.

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Underlying strength bolsters CE Heath

By Sarah Bagnall
Insurance Correspondent

SHARES in CE Heath, the listed insurance broker, rose 5 per cent yesterday despite the group's announcement of a sharp fall in pre-tax profits and a cut in the final dividend.

The share price rise reflected the strength of the group's underlying performance. Underlying brokerage income increased by 10.1 per cent, compared to expenses which rose by 8 per cent. The broker has started a cost cutting exercise, which includes reducing staff, freezing salaries and merging offices, and has set aside £5 million for rationalisation of its broking operation.

Peter Presland, chief executive, said: "We are improving margins all the time despite the unhelpful market conditions. We don't expect expenses to rise as much as 8 per cent again."

Roman Cizdyn, an insurance analyst at Smith New Court, said: "The results were good. CE Heath is ahead of the other insurance brokers in respect of costs."

The sharp fall in pre-tax profits from £19 million to £1.5 million reflected a £18.4 million provision for its discontinued aviation reinsurance business.

CE Heath warned shareholders in April that heavy losses from its aviation account would push the group into a post-tax loss for the year to end-March.

Operating cash flow remained strong at 16.3p a share, enabling a final dividend of 11p which allowed the broker to stick to its commitment of total dividend for the year of 16p. Mr Presland said profits are expected to improve in the current year, which if fed through to the cash flow per share, "may well give us the opportunity to increase dividends".

Heseltine backs export drive to countries outside the EC

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

BRITAIN is looking to combat recession-hit Europe by increasing exports elsewhere.

Ministers and British exporters are concerned that the economic downturn in many European countries could affect British exports — nearly two-thirds of which now go to other EC countries.

The thrust of a new export drive launched yesterday by Michael Heseltine, president of the Board of Trade, will be primarily in markets outside what is now the European norm. Officials accept that many UK companies will face difficulties in turning their export efforts outside the EC, but say it needs to be done. Mr Heseltine said that government and industry had to work together to win a larger share of overseas markets: "UK exports are at record levels. The value of our visible exports to non-EC countries for the first quarter of 1993 is up by 20 per cent on a year ago."

The Department of Trade and Industry is developing targeted export strategies for the top 80 of the UK's export markets, including efforts that look distinctly daunting, such as electronics and broadcasting equipment to Japan. Thirty "export promoters" — experienced exporters from private industry — have been brought in to the DTI to deal with particular markets, and another 30 are in the pipeline.

However, the DTI is having difficulties in finding sufficiently expert candidates to deal with more unusual markets for UK companies such as Africa and China.

Launching the annual report of the British Overseas Trade Board, called Winning in World Markets, Mr Heseltine stressed that the government would maintain the economic policies, which had helped improve the export position of British companies, including a competitive currency, low inflation and low interest rates.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Daily Mail profits rise despite exchange loss

DAILY Mail and General Trust suffered a foreign exchange loss of £3.9 million in the first half of the year due to the weakness of sterling against the dollar. But in the absence of last time's £8.1 million property provision, pre-tax profits emerged 11 per cent higher at £21.2 million (£19.1 million) in the six months to April 4. Exchange rate fluctuations affecting the retranslation of US debt into sterling will have a bearing on full-year results.

Each 1 per cent movement in the pound-dollar exchange rate will lead to a change of about £200,000. Reorganisation and redundancies cost £1.2 million (£2 million). The *Evening Standard*'s circulation suffered disruption from train strikes and security scares, and its classified advertising volumes were down. There is an interim dividend of 36p (32p). Earnings per share after exceptional items were 121.9p (102.7p).

Mansfield cheer

MANSFIELD Brewery, the Yorkshire beer maker, plans to continue buying public houses and announced pre-tax profits rose to £12.5 million (£11 million) in the year to March 27. Sir David White, the chairman, said draught beer and cider sales rose 3.2 per cent, but sales to the tied trade fell 3.9 per cent on a like-for-like basis. A final dividend of 11p raises the total from 13.6p to 15.4p, and the group plans a four-for-one subdivision of the shares, which rose 15p to 800p.

Airsprung springs

IMPROVED cost controls and increased efficiency helped pre-tax profits at Airsprung Furniture Group, the beds to furniture maker, advance 22.3 per cent to £5.96 million in the year to end-March. Turnover grew 12.9 per cent to £65.6 million. The group's cash resources are £7 million. Earnings climb to 31.4p (26.6p) a share. The total dividend is raised to 9p (7.5p), with an improved final payout of 5.85p (4.87p). The shares added 11p to 518p.

Fine Decor placing

FINE Decor, a supplier of wallcoverings to large DIY retailers, is coming to the market through a placing at 210p a share that values the company at £26.2 million. The placing will raise £10.7 million, of which £4.6 million will repay debt. The balance represents shares sold by existing institutional shareholders. None of the directors will be selling shares. Harry Morgan, group chief executive, said the placing would allow greater flexibility in financing growth.

Greencore grows 5%

GREENCORE, the Irish agribusiness group, raised pre-tax profits by 5 per cent to Ir£17 million (£16.8 million) in the half year to March 26. Gerry Murphy, chief executive, said it was a record half year result despite exchange and interest rate turbulence. Operating margins improved with profits growth of 15 per cent to Ir£23.4 million on a 7 per cent rise in sales to £204 million. Greencore's sugar business increased profits by 10 per cent to Ir£12.6 million.

Sutcliffe Speakman call

SUTCLIFFE Speakman, the carbon filter and environmental systems group, yesterday unveiled a £6.6 million pre-tax loss and a 9-for-20 rights issue to raise £5.6 million from shareholders. The cash call is partly to remove working capital constraints, the company said. A complex financial restructuring, which also includes a proposed conversion of preference shares and a placing of 10.8 million ordinary shares, will raise a total of £7.6 million.

Blick moves ahead

PRE-TAX profits at Blick, the time recording and communications group, were up 19.2 per cent to £4.37 million in the six months to end-March. Blick said organic growth powered the profits increase in its communications division, up to £2.8 million (£1.5 million). However, profits in the time division, which supplies clocking-in equipment, fell to £1.2 million (£1.9 million). Earnings per share rose 11 per cent to 12.79p, and the interim dividend is raised 10 per cent to 3.3p.

Meyer beats forecast

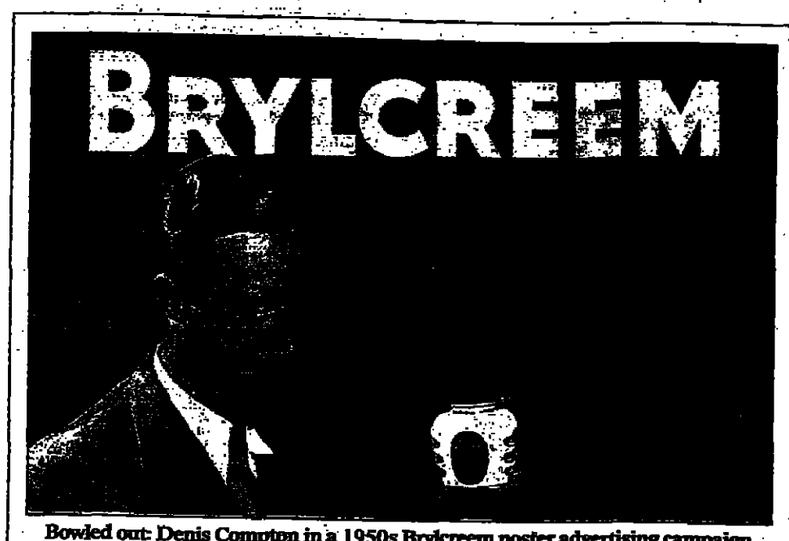


MEYER International, the leading distributor of building materials and timber, which is chaired by Richard Jewson, right, beat the forecast made at the time of April's £70 million rights issue, with pre-tax profits of £14.4 million in the year to end-March. This compares with a loss of £19.9 million last time. Sales fell to £1.09 billion (£1.13 billion). Earnings stood at 10.5p a share, against a restated loss of 23.3p last time. As predicted, the final dividend is cut to 5.8p (12.3p), giving a reduced total of 10p (16.5p) for the year.

Cape to lift investment

CAPE, the subsidiary of Charter Consolidated which serves the building industry, plans to increase investment in its manufacturing facilities. While turnover rose 21 per cent to £245 million and pre-interest profits grew 5 per cent to £11.9 million in the year to end-March, reduced investment income clipped pre-tax profits from £12.4 million to £11.9 million, leaving net earnings at 14.9p a share, compared with 15.3p previously. The final dividend is raised from 7.5p to 7.75p.

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Bowled out: Denis Compton in a 1950s Brylcreem poster advertising campaign

SB clears out the bathroom brands

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

THE photographs of Denis Compton, the former England cricketer, combing his hair and advertising Brylcreem assumed a place in the history books yesterday, when, after more than 40 years of ownership, the brand products that have since expanded into a wider range of men's toiletries were sold to America.

Also gone to Sara Lee Corporation of America, the new owner, is Badedas, the bath product that makes lovely colours and gives off pleasant smells, as SmithKline Beecham finalised the long expected sale of its worldwide bath and body care brands, and also the sale of its haircare brands.

Silvikrin and Vosene have also been sold, to the German Wella group, as SmithKline Beecham said it was to concentrate on its core healthcare businesses and was saying goodbye to personal care products.

Sara Lee Corporation, the American group that has operations in 30 countries and reported annual sales of $13.2 billion last year, is buying SmithKline Beecham's bath and body care brands for £211 million.

Wella, the German haircare products group, is buying the company's haircare brands, although at Wella's request its purchase price is not being disclosed.

SmithKline Beecham says there will be a restructing charge of about £100 million against this year's profits, a figure which is expected to be increased by a further £34 million to account for goodwill write-offs.

SB said it was coincidental that the two sales were made to two separate groups and were finalised at the same time, but the individual buyers were interested in certain product lines which suited their particular operations.

Sara Lee's purchase of bath and body care brands brings it Brylcreem men's toiletries, Badedas and Duschdas bath and bodycare products, Williams shaving products, Body Mist deodorant products and Fissan skin care products.

The sale includes the related SB production facilities in Germany, France, Italy and Denmark, but excludes SB's Spanish bath and body care products and the operations in North America, Puerto Rico and Latin America.

Trading profits of these businesses, being brought by Sara Lee, were £36 million on sales of £164 million in the 1992 financial year. The net tangible assets are £55 million.

Wella acquires Silvikrin, Vosene and Bristows, brands that are principally sold in Britain and the Middle East, whose sales were £46 million in 1992 and whose net tangible assets are valued at approximately £5 million.

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Only one in 50 UK firms deemed to be world-class

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

■ The most comprehensive survey of manufacturing ever holds little comfort for Britain's managers, especially in the industrial heartland of the North

ONLY one in 50 British companies is world-class, and British businessmen hugely overestimate the ability of their firms to make the grade.

The problem is most severe in the old industrial North. Companies in the South, often in newer industries, are better at what they do and more likely to succeed.

However, the overall standard of British manufacturing is better than many people think and more than four in ten British firms could match the world's best with just a little more effort.

The findings emerge from the most comprehensive study of manufacturing efficiency ever conducted in Britain. IBM Consulting and Professor Chris Voss of the London Business School have co-operated in the first stage of a study expected eventually to embrace companies throughout the world.

Results of the study are likely to be examined closely at the trade department, which conducted its own enquiry into the competitiveness of British industry but was reported to be so distressed by the conclusions that ministers have refused to publish them.

The government's ability to influence industrial success may in any case be limited. According to the IBM/LBS study, the government's quality standard BS5750 is no guarantee of any improvement of either company performance or customer focus.

Companies said their ability to implement change would have far more impact on long-term success than any government action on interest rates or anything else.

The study found that industrial leaders enjoyed profit margins on average 9.5 per cent higher than the laggards.

And it showed some striking contrasts between industrial sectors and regions. The food industry was by far the most successful of the six industrial sectors studied, outperforming the average by 11.5 per cent. Electricals were next best, at plus 3.6 per cent, followed by textiles, at plus 2.7.

Worst performers were automotive and aerospace components, at minus 7.7 per cent, chemicals, at minus 4.3 per cent and mechanical engineering at minus 3.3 per cent.

Professor Voss said he could find no clear evidence that multinational firms were more competitive. Inward investment had apparently not yet helped improve the efficiency of automotive component makers. But there were reasons to think inward investment in electronics had contributed to a robust performance by some sectors of Scottish industry.

While the South led with an overall 6 per cent outperformance, Ulster was second with 2.8 per cent, with the Central and Eastern region at plus 2.2 per cent and Scotland at plus 0.8 per cent. The North-East was worst, at minus 4.7 per cent, followed by the North-West, the South-West and Wales and the Midlands.

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PETER TREVNOR
Tough talking: Sir Ernest Harrison, of Racal, says that all options will be considered

Racal gives warning to design offshoot

BY MARTIN WALLER

RACAL Electronics, Sir Ernest Harrison's now demerged data and communications group, has delivered a blunt warning to Redac, its computer-aided design and engineering offshoot. The business must return to profit as soon as possible and could then be sold.

In about 20 years of ownership, Racal has yet to see a profit from Redac, which employs 470 people, 170 in Britain.

Redac contributed a £5 million loss, rather worse than the market had feared, to Racal's first full-year figures since the company was demerged from the Chubb security operation last November.

Sir Ernest, the chairman of Racal, said that the loss would be reduced considerably in the current year. He added that once the business was back in the black, all options would be considered, including a merger or a sale.

Racal reported a rise in pre-tax profits from a pro-forma £16.1 million to £51.5 million. It was helped by an interpretation of accounting policies that tended to flatter the pre-tax line.

A final dividend of 2.75p makes a total of 4.25p. The merged group paid a total of 5.0p the previous year.

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LEP cuts its losses to £34m

BY CARL MORTISHED

LEP, the freight forwarding and property group rescued by its bankers in August last year, reduced its pre-tax loss from £59 million to £34 million in the year to December.

David James, chairman and company doctor, said that despite the conversion of £180 million of bank debt into equity, there remains a very substantial level of outstanding bank debt that requires to be serviced and ultimately discharged.

He said that no dividends will be paid in the foreseeable future.

LEP paid £48 million interest last year. Although borrowings fell by £76 million, they were £393 million at the December 31 year-end.

Operating profit was almost static at £26.2 million while sales fell from £1.5 billion to £1.4 billion.

LEP's freight forwarding operations were affected by the decline in world trade while NGC, the US electronic security business, has been hit by cost overruns on certain contracts.

The company provided £7.5 million for restructuring the freight forwarding business and £3 million of property provisions.

LEP made a net loss of £235 million in 1991 after disastrous investments in US property, gold mining, and T-shirts.

Milk sales boost Northern Foods

BY CARL MORTISHED

NORTHERN Foods, the dairy products manufacturer, boosted profits from milk sales by 47 per cent to £92 million, in the year to March. There was a 69 per cent increase in turnover to £962 million.

Growth on the dairy side helped to increase pre-tax profits by 21 per cent to £153 million on a 40 per cent rise in turnover to just over £2 billion.

The results include a full year's contribution from Express and Eden Vale and reflect massive rationalisation including plant closures and the loss of 1,500 jobs.

About half of Northern's dairy sales are traditional doorstep deliveries, now undertaken by 2,800 franchisees, but Christopher Haskins, the chairman, reckons Northern Foods can maintain its 10 per cent operating margin in what is generally seen as a market with limited growth.

He said the division showed an underlying increase in profits of 8 per cent and, faced with a deregulation of the industry controlled by the Milk Marketing Board, he is determined to secure the group's 17 per cent share of the market through the Northern Milk Partnership.

According to Mr Haskins, the Partnership, set up in January, already has enough dairy farmer members to provide half of Northern's milk requirement but contracts have yet to be signed.

The devaluation of sterling affected the company's raw material costs by as much as 5 to 6 per cent and Northern's meat products division, which primarily services small shops, suffered in the recession with a 16 per cent profits decline to £20 milion. However, convenience foods sold to big multiple chains such as Sainsbury, Tesco and Safeway leapt 51 per cent to £44 million. Grocery products, chiefly biscuits and bread, raised profits 13 per cent to £24 million

Total capital expenditure during the year was £90 million and gearing at the year end was 66 per cent. The dividend is up 7 per cent to 8.4p, covered 2.4 times by earnings which were up 5 per cent to 20.09p per share.


Haskins: margins held

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Hambros hit by agency loss

BY PATRICIA TEHAN
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

PRE-TAX profits at Hambros, the merchant bank and financial services group, fell from £74.3 million to £65 million in the year to end-March, hit by rising losses in its estate agency business.

In the year just ended, Hambro Countrywide, the estate agent, increased its loss by £4 million to £12.2 million. But Charles Hambro, the chairman, said that Hambro Countrywide has now swung into profits and "if it continues at the present rate it will be profitable this year".

Banking profits rose from £73.4 million to £73.8 million, after a leap in bad debt provisions from £13 million to £24 million. Mr Hambro hopes the bad debt provisions have peaked now there are signs the recession is over.

"There is a pick up in economic activity in the UK, no question about that", he said, and he hopes to see a gradual pick up in the bank's corporate finance activity.

Although a reduction in bad debt provisions will help Hambros in the current year, the benefits will be offset by the effect of lower interest rates on free capital in inner reserves. The dividend payment has risen from 13.8p to 14p for the year, partly as an expression of confidence in the current year.

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With Rosyth in jeopardy, more bad news for Scotland

British Coal abandons Fife pit

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Coal announced yesterday that it is withdrawing from the Frances colliery in Fife. The decision will leave the company with one Scottish deep mining complex, at Longannet, also in Fife.

It had been hoped that the pit would provide 1,000 jobs directly and a further 2,000 in the area. The Frances colliery is in Dysart, near Kirkcaldy and less than 30 miles from the Rosyth dockyard complex, which may also be hit by big job losses soon. Hopes that Frances will be privatised are slim and if an operator cannot be found, closure is inevitable.

A spokesman for British Coal said the cost of redeveloping Frances, which has been kept open on a care and maintenance basis since 1985, was too high. "We cannot justify the investment needed to bring it back into production. It will therefore be considered for lease and licensing to the private sector," the spokesman said.

The Scottish TUC condemned British Coal's decision to withdraw from Frances. Richard Leonard, the STUC assistant secretary, said: "British Coal knows that putting Frances up for sale is a phoney exercise. It is nothing less than a thinly veiled attempt to shut down the colliery and sterilise 50 million tonnes of low sulphur, low chlorine, high calorific value coal forever". He said that British Coal should be forced to keep Frances open. "With a cloud of uncertainty already hanging over Rosyth dockyard and naval base, and with 2,000 jobs lost in the last year at the RGC oil rig yard in Methil, Fife cannot afford another jobs blow."

George Bolton, president of the Scottish mineworkers, described British Coal's withdrawal as "an act of vandalism" and said he would be invoking the colliery review proceedure. The union had hoped British Coal would develop Frances, creating 1,000 jobs directly and possibly another 2,000 in the surrounding area.

If no operator is found for the pit, British Coal will do its best to redevelop the assets for non-mining use. It has spent £2 million a year for the last eight years pumping millions of gallons of water from undersea workings. The NUM estimates that it would take a further £200 million to redevelop the mine. Even then the first coal would probably not be available for six or seven years.

Eddy Hindmarsh, British Coal's head of operations, told union representatives yesterday that in the company's view "there was no prospect of the colliery being able to produce coal at competitive prices, even if there was a market for its output in a country already with an excess of energy resources".

Frances is thought to have 100 million tons of coal reserves and its coal is said to be "environmentally friendly" with much less sulphur than is usually found in coal. But Mr Wilson admits that it is unlikely to present an attractive investment.

The news of the likely closure of Frances came on the first anniversary of the privatisation of Monktonhall Colliery in Midlothian. But there was no celebration yesterday as the miners' consortium which bought it out continues it battle to find the necessary finance. The 160 miners who each invested £10,000 in Monktonhall face financial ruin if the venture folds.

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STOCK MARKET

Managers follow Soros into future

SHARE prices closed near their best of the day, cheered by news of heavy buying of the financial future and a firm start to trading on Wall Street.

The FT-SE 100 index was squeezed steadily higher throughout the afternoon, closing at 2,866.9, up 22.5 points. Trading conditions remained squeezy, with stock shortages exaggerating prices movements, especially among the leaders. Turnover grew to 691 million shares, swollen by several modest programme trades. The name of George Soros appears to contain almost magical qualities these days. Yesterday, he was thought to be a big buyer of the future, indicating that he expected the equity market to go higher in the medium term.

Fund managers, hoping that his Midas touch would rub off, followed his example. Only time will tell if they have made the right decision.

There were few surprises in the latest reshuffle of FT-SE 100 index constituents after the regular quarterly meeting of the steering committee. Out went **Fisons**, 5p better at 154p, **Kwik Save Group**, 8p down at 742p, **Lasmo**, 3½p cheaper at 159½p, and **Southern Electric**, 3p easier at 462p.

They will be replaced by **British Aerospace**, up 14p at 423p, **SG Warburg**, 3p off at 717p, **Wolseley**, 3p better at 634p, and **RMC Group**, 1p firmer at 775p. The leading shares are chosen according to their stock market capitalisation.

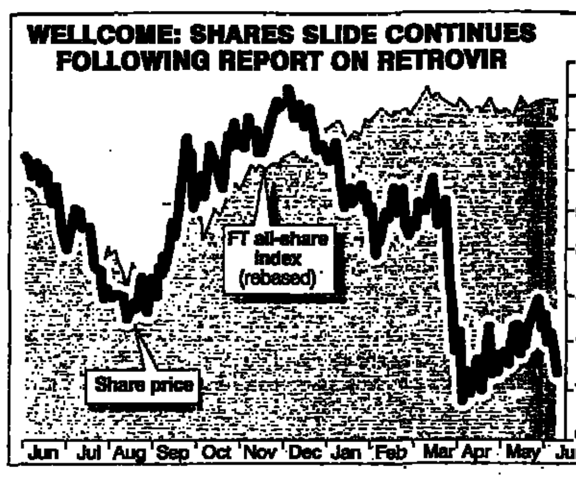
Transfer Technology was steady at 530p. Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, is impressed by the group's recent acquisition of Fenworth and expects it to make an almost immediate contribution. The broker says the deal provides scope for an increase in both its earnings and dividend forecasts.

Rank Organisation continued to attract support, with the price 9p better at 753p. Brokers say that the shares are now a chart breakout and are talking the price up to the £10 level.

English China Clays, which lost its FT-SE 100 status a few weeks ago to make way for **Zeneca**, fell 17p to 418p. It gave a presentation to 50 fund managers on Tuesday night. **APV** fell 6p to 98p after a profits downgrading by Smith New Court.

There was little respite for **Wellcome**, with the price dropping another 11p to 717p after further consideration of the findings of a study by the Anglo-French Concorde group into Retrovir, its anti-Aids drug.

The International Aids Conference in Berlin was told this week that Retrovir was of no significant benefit in prolonging the life of Aids sufferers. Other drugs will have to be developed, a point Wellcome has always acknowledged.



SmithKline Beecham A fell 8p to 427p as NatWest Securities turned cautious on the shares and removed them from its out-performance list. County points out that SmithKline shares rose strongly throughout April and May, but have now come in for profit taking. It expects the price to remain becalmed until details of President Clinton health plans become known.

Meanwhile, SmithKline has sold its bath and body care brands to Sara Lee Corporation of America in a deal worth £211 million. The deal, which includes famous names such as Brylcreem and Body Mist, was put together over the past year by Charles Leigh and his team at Hoare Govett, the stockbrokers.

In addition, it is selling its Silvikrin and Vosene haircare brands to Wella for an undisclosed sum. SmithKline has now disposed of all of its toiletry brands.

Zeneca recovered from a shaky start to end the session 6p better at 618p, but the price continues to hover dangerously close to the rights issue level of 600p. **Harrington Kilbride**, the magazine publisher, jumped another 4p to 219p in the wake of this week's news that Professor Roland Smith had been appointed non-executive chairman. It takes the rise in the shares during the past two days to 13p.

Johnson Matthey, the precious metals group, reported signs that the British and American economies were emerging from recession. Last year, the group raised pre-tax profits from £67.2 million to £73.8 million. The shares responded with a rise of 8p to 458p.

Racal Electronics rose 6p to 223p after reporting its first full-year figures since demerging from Chubb. Pretax profits were up from £16.1 million to £51.5 million.

Elsewhere in the sector, **Electrocomponents** climbed 7p to 393p, helped by a 24 per cent increase in full-year pre-tax profits to £62 million. The group said there were signs of recovery in the UK economy in contrast to the increasingly recessionary climate in Germany and the rest of Europe.

Meyer International, the building products group, has exceeded the pre-tax profit forecast of £14.2 million made at the time of the group's £70 million rights issue in April. It revealed pre-tax profits of £14.4 million compared with a loss of almost £20 million the previous year. Housing starts continued to grow each month, but the company remained cautious about prospects. The shares ended 6p lower at 372p.

The acquisition of Express Dairy and Eden Vale helped **Northern Foods** to raise pre-tax profits last year from £126.2 million to £153.2 million. The shares rose 3p to 256p. **Amersham International** jumped 27p to 751p after exceeding City expectations with a rise in full-year pre-tax profits from £20.7 million to £26.3 million. The healthcare and industrial divisions performed well, but life sciences found the going difficult.

Seton Healthcare fell 14p to 340p on suggestions that it might ask shareholders to fund future acquisitions. A rights issue seems the most likely course. **Hambros**, the merchant banking and financial services group, fell 5p to 332p after reporting a drop in pre-tax profits last year from £74.3 million to £63 million.

CE Heath, the insurance broker, upset the market with a sharp drop in profits and a reduced dividend. But a promise of better times ahead was enough to lift the price 15p to 338p.

NatWest Securities says the food sector looks expensive but may attract support if doubts resurface about the economy. **Hazlewood**, 1p down at 183p, and **Tate & Lyle**, up 9p at 371p remain a buy, but **AB Foods**, steady at 469p, **Booker**, 1p lower at 370p, and **Geest**, 3p off at 359p, are regarded a sell.

MICHAEL CLARK

WALL STREET

New York — Wall Street shares continued to move higher in early trading, but analysts said that there were too many uncertainties ahead for the rally to last. The Dow Jones industrial average was was up 15.23 points to 3,525.77.

☐ Hong Kong — The Hang Seng index ended at 7,339.08, up 79.34 points, having hit a high of 7,346.99.

☐ Singapore — The Straits Times industrial index fell 6.16 points to 1,864.51.

☐ Sydney — The All-ordinaries index closed, down 14 points, at 1,709.1.

☐ Frankfurt — The Dax index finished, up 11.46 points, at 1,673.07. The market is closed today.

☐ Tokyo — The market was shut for a national holiday to mark the wedding of Crown Prince Naruhito. It reopens today. *(Reuter)*

	June 9 midday	June 8 close
AMP Inc	62	61
AMR Corp	68	68
Abbott Labs	26	25
Aetna Life	52	52
Ahmanson (HF)	17	17
Air Prod & Chem	41	41
Albertson's	53	52
Alcan Alumnm	19	18
Alco Standard	49	48
Allied Signal	66	66
Alum Co of Am	68	68
Amax	22	22
Amerada Hess	54	53
Amer Brands	33	33
Amer Cyanamid	52	52
Amer El Power	36	36
Amer Express	28	28
Amer Genl Corp	30	30
Amer Home Pr	65	65
Amer Intl	128	129
Amer Stores	41	41
Amer T & T	61	61
Ameritech	74	74
Amoco	57	56
Anheuser-Busch	50	50
Apple Computer	49	49
Archer Daniels	24	23
Arkla	9	9
Armco	7	7
Armstrng Wrld	30	30
Asarco	20	20
Ashland Oil	26	26
Atl Richfield	123	122
Auto Data Pro	49	49
Avery Dennison	29	30
Avon Products	52	52
Baker Hughes	28	29
Baltim Gas & El	24	24
Banc One	51	51
BankAmerica	41	41
Bank of NY	53	52
Bankers Tr NY	69	69
Barnett Banks	43	43
Bausch & Lomb	49	49
Baxter Intl	29	29
Becton Dickson	36	38
Bell Atlantic	56	55
BellSouth	53	53
Black & Decker	21	20
Block (H&R)	35	35
Boeing	38	38
Boise Cascade	25	25
Borden Inc	19	19
Bristol Myrs Sq	58	58
Browning Ferris	27	27
Burlington Nthn	52	53
CBS	248	248
CNA Financial	91	91
CPC Intl	41	41
CSX	68	68
Campbell Soup	38	38
Can Pacific	16	16
Cpd Cities ABC	543	537
Cpd Holdings	37	37
Carolina Pwr	32	32
Caterpillar	75	75
Central & SW	31	32
Champion Intl	33	33
Chase Manhat	29	29
Chemical Bk	37	36
Chevron Corp	89	89
Chrysler	46	45
Chubb Corp	83	83
Cigna Corp	57	57
Citicorp	27	26
Clorox	48	48
Coastal Corp	27	27
Coca Cola	40	40
Colgate-Palmolive	53	53
Columbia Gas	25	24
Commonw Ed	27	27
Compaq Comp	58	58
Comp Ass Intl	26	26
Conagra	25	25
Cons Edison	35	35
Cons Nat Gas	53	53
Cons Rail	52	57
Cooper Inds	49	49
Corning Inc	33	33
Crown Cork	38	38
Dana Corp	54	54
Dayton Hudson	66	66
Deere	65	65
Delta Air Lines	53	53
Deluxe Corp	39	39
Detroit Edison	35	35
Digital Equip	42	42
Dillard Dept St	37	37
Disney (Walt)	43	43
Dominion Res	42	42
Donelley (RR)	29	29
Dover Corp	46	46
Dow Chemicals	55	55
Dow Jones	29	28
Dresser	23	23
Duke Power	38	38
Dun & Bradstreet	57	57
Du Pont	52	52
Eastman Kodak	50	50
Eaton Corp	91	91

	June 9 midday	June 8 close
Emerson Elec	61	61
Engelhard Corp	34	34
Enron Corp	60	60
Ensergy Corp	34	34
Ethyl Corp	29	30
Exxon	66	66
FMC Corp	44	44
FPL Group	37	37
Federal Express	46	46
Fed Nat Mtge	75	75
First Chicago	36	36
First Interstate	54	54
First Union Rty	10	10
Fleet Fnl Grp	28	28
Fluor Corp	41	41
Ford Motor	54	54
GTE Corp	35	35
Gannett	50	50
Gap Inc Del	32	32
Gen Cinema	35	35
Gen Dynamics	95	95
Gen Electric	93	93
Gen Mills	62	62
Gen Motors	40	40
Gen Reinsurance	109	109
Gen Signal	65	65
Genuine Parts	36	36
Georgia Pac	61	61
Gillette	49	49
Glaxo ADR	17	17
Goodrich (BF)	43	43
Goodyear Tire	38	38
Grace (WR)	39	39
Grt Atl Pac Tea	34	34
Great Wstn Fin	15	15
Halliburton	41	41
Heinz (HJ)	36	36
Hercules	72	72
Hershey Foods	49	49
Hewlett Packard	84	84
Hilton Hotels	50	50
Home Depot	42	42
Homestake Mng	17	17
Honeywell	37	37
Household Intl	67	67
Houston Inds	44	44
Humana	11	11
ITT Corp	83	83
Illinois Tool	75	75
INCO	22	22
Ingersoll Rand	34	34
Inland Steel	26	26
Intel Corp	56	56
IBM	52	52
Intl Flav & Fr	115	115
Intl Paper	64	64
James River Va	22	22
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	43	42
K Mart	23	23
Kellogg	53	52
Kerr-McGee	51	52
Kimberly-Clark	46	46
Knight-Ridder	54	53
Lilly (Eli)	49	49
Limited Inc	23	23
LIN Brdcstng	98	98
Lincoln Nat	76	76
Litton	57	57
Liz Claiborne	32	32
Lockheed Corp	61	62
Louisiana Pac	32	60
MCI Commun	53	54
Marriott	25	25
Marsh & McLnn	88	87
Masco Corp	30	30
May Dept St	72	71
Maytag Corp	15	15
McCaw Cellular	42	42
McDonalds	49	49
McDonnell D	67	68
McGraw Hill	55	56
Mead Corp	45	45
Medtronic	65	64
Mellon Bk	53	52
Melville Corp	46	46
Merck Inc	37	38
Merrill Lynch	73	72
Minnesota Mine	116	116
Mobil Corp	71	72
Monsanto	56	57
Morgan (JP)	65	64
Motorola Inc	83	84
Natl Medical	9	9
Natl Semi	15	14
Natl Service Ind	26	26
Navistar Int	2	2
NBD Bancorp	30	30
NY Times A	27	27
Newmont Mng	48	49
Niag Mohawk	23	23
Nike B	69	68
NL Industries	4	4
Nordstrom	28	29
Norfolk Sthrn	64	63
Nthn State Pwr	44	44
Norwest Corp	47	46
Nynex Corp	86	85
Occidental Pet	22	22
Ohio Edison	24	24
Oracle Systems	42	40

	June 9 midday	June 8 close
Oryx Energy Co	22	22
Owens Corning	40	40
PNC Financial	30	30
PPG Industries	72	72
Paccar Inc	59	58
Pacificorp	17	18
Pac Enterprises	24	24
Pac Gas & Elect	33	34
Pac Telesis	48	46
Pall Corp	17	17
Panhandle Eastn	22	22
Paramnt Commun	53	53
Parker Hannifin	31	32
Penney (JC)	48	48
Pennzoil	65	64
Pepsico	35	35
Pfizer	69	69
Phelps Dodge	44	44
Philadel Elec	29	29
Philip Morris	48	49
Phillips Pet	31	31
Pitney Bowes	42	41
Polaroid	35	35
Price Co	29	29
Primerica	44	44
Procter & Gmbl	48	47
Pub Serv E & G	32	32
Quaker Oats	73	72
Ralston Purina	44	44
Raychem Corp	46	45
Raytheon	57	56
Reebok Intl	35	34
Reynolds Metals	46	46
Roadway Srvcs	53	53
Rockwell Intl	32	32
Rohm & Haas	57	57
Royal Dutch	94	93
Rubbermaid	30	30
Safeco Corp	58	57
St Paul's Cos	79	79
Salomon Inc	36	35
Santa Fe S Pac	16	16
Sara Lee Corp	25	24
Seecorp	48	48
Schering Plough	64	62
Schlumberger	68	67
Scott Paper	34	34
Seagram	26	26
Sears Roebuck	52	52
Shell Trans	57	57
Sherwin Wilms	31	30
Skyline Corp	17	17
Snap-On-Tools	38	38
Southern Co	40	40
Sthwestern Bell	39	38
Sprint Corp	30	30
Stanley Works	44	44
Sun Company	26	25
Suntrust	43	43
Supervalu	33	32
Symex Corp	19	18
Sysco Corp	25	25
TRW Inc	67	66
Tandem Comp	12	12
Tandy Corp	29	29
Telecom Corp	4	4
Teledyne	20	20
Temple Inland	43	44
Tenneco	47	48
Texaco	65	64
Texas Inst	67	67
Texas Utilities	44	45
Textron	51	50
Time Warner	38	38
Times-Mirror	30	30
Timken	31	31
Torchmark	53	53
Toys R Us	38	38
Transamerica	48	48
Travelers Corp	28	27
Tribune	52	51
Tyco Labs	41	41
UAL Corp	133	132
UST Inc	29	29
USX Marathon	18	18
Unilever NV	107	106
Union Camp	42	43
Union Carbide	18	18
Union Pacific	60	60
Unisys Corp	11	11
USAIR Group	20	20
USF&G Corp	16	16
US Life	39	39
US West	44	44
United Tech	52	52
Unocal Corp	31	31
Upjohn	29	29
VF Corp	47	47
WMX Tech	35	34
Wal-Mart Stores	26	26
Warner-Lambert	70	68
Wells Fargo	99	98
Westinghouse El	15	15
Weyerhaeuser	42	43
Whirlpool	54	53
Whitman	13	13
Winn Dixie	55	55
Woolworth	28	28
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	34	33
Xerox	74	73

Anglo Utd unveils loss of £30.5m

By Martin Flanagan

ANGLO United, owner of the Coalite smokeless fuel business, yesterday drew the line under its second refinancing in a year as it unveiled pre-tax losses of £30.5 million (£4.8 million profit) for the year to end-March. Exceptional restructuring costs were £18.8 million and interest payments reached £32.4 million.

At the operating level, profits fell to £20.3 million (£34.3 million). John Gainham, managing director, believed the radical restructuring — involving the reduction of core debt from £251 million to £130 million — was "a watershed". He said Anglo now had sufficient funds to function.

Anglo's restructuring has already yielded annualised savings of around £3 million, and overheads are expected to be cut by a similar amount this year. Three hundred jobs went last year, and the same number are expected to go in the next few months.

The solid smokeless fuels manufacturing and solid fuel distribution division saw profits fall sharply to £12.3 million (£21 million). Meanwhile, price wars in the liquid fuels and chemicals sector impacted margins, with profits dropping 46 per cent to £4.6 million against £8.6 million last time. Losses per share of 8.9p compare with earnings of 0.8p a share in the previous year. There is no dividend.

New products add a spark to sales of electronics group

By Philip Pangalos

NEW products and a drive into European markets helped full-year profits at Electrocomponents, the distributor of electronic, electrical and mechanical components, surge by a healthy 106 per cent.

Pre-tax profits advanced to a record £51.9 million in the year to end-March, against £25.2 million last time, restated under the FRS3 accounting standard. However, the comparative figures had been depressed by hefty losses on discontinued operations.

Turnover fell 1.7 per cent to £387.5 million, reflecting the sale of the Misco computer supplies catalogue business. But sales from continuing operations were ahead 9.6 per cent to £346.6 million as the group enjoyed a strong performance from its core RS electrical components catalogue distribution business.

A 20 per cent increase in new products, to more than 36,000, helped turnover in the UK advance 7.4 per cent to £280 million, while turnover in the international market was 37 per cent higher at £59.2 million.

Robert Lawson, chief executive, said: "We are very pleased with our European operations. The core business is strong and growing, although the UK recovery is probably more tender than the politicians would have us believe. But we are continuing our drive into more and more countries."

Sir Keith Bright, chairman, said that although the UK economy appears to be showing signs of recovery, this is in stark contrast to the increasingly recessionary climate in Germany and the rest of Europe.

The drive to take RS into continental Europe made significant progress, with the launch of subsidiaries in Denmark and Italy. RS now has an international network of seven wholly owned subsidiaries in addition to the UK operation.

Despite the recession, France was the star performer, but Germany saw a decline in the average order value as the recession started to bite.

Pact, which supplies prepacked electrical accessories to the DIY retailers, continued to be affected by the slump in the housing market. "The sheds have had a rough time and there is still pressure on margins," Mr Lawson added.

Net cash leapt by £31.7 million to £36.8 million at the year-end.

Earnings advanced to 14.9p (3.5p) a share. The total dividend is increased to 7.9p (7p), with an improved final payout of 5.9p (5.1p).

Electrocomponents shares rose 7p to 393p.



Contrast in markets: Sir Keith Bright of Electrocomponents

JM views prospects worldwide

JOHNSON Matthey, the precious metals group, believes there are still plenty of worldwide opportunities for its autocatalyst interests to develop further as anti-pollution controls are further tightened in America and Europe.

David Davies, JM's chairman, said yesterday that despite difficult American markets and some soft markets in Europe, profits from catalytic systems rose by 20 per cent to £27.1 million in the year ended March. Profits from precious metals were flat in the same period.

Group pre-tax profits were £73.8 million (£67.2 million), and the year's dividend rises from 9.65p to 10.3p a share. JM is offering a scrip alternative, enhanced by 50 per cent, which if accepted in full by shareholders would save £16 million and help reduce gearing by between five and six percentage points.

Mr Davies said there were some signs that the economies of the US and Britain have started to emerge from recession. JM had further cut costs in the year ended March, and said the benefits that will accrue to JM following economic recovery are self-evident.

"We are encouraged by the prospects for our growth business led by autocatalysts, electronic materials and biomedical products," he added.

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SANDERSON ELECT (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.80m (£1.80m)
EPS: 14.2p (16.0p)
Div: 4.5p (2nd interim)
Turnover grew to £12.1m (£10.6m). Group said it expects its business to make further progress as the economy continues to recover.

MCLEOD RUSSEL HLDGS
Pre-tax: £1.91 (£2.05m)
EPS: 3.01p (3.13p)
Div: 2.75p (2.75p)
Interim results. Turnover edged to £21.5m (£21m). Group said trading conditions have continued to be difficult for the coatings division.

ALBRIGHTON (Fin)
Pre-tax: £358,000 Loss
LPS: 0.6p (225.1p)
Div: Nil (nil)
There was a loss of £14.1 million last time. Turnover fell to £2.45m (£10.7m). Results were affected by rationalisation costs and bad debts.

LOOKERS (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.54m
EPS: 2.6p (LPS: 0.9p)
Div: 2p (2p)
Last time's profit was £615,000. Turnover rose to £164m (£154m). Gearing has been reduced to 53%, compared with 107% last time.

CAFFYNS (Fin)
Pre-tax: £262,000
EPS: 0.8p (LPS: 5.6p)
Div: 6.5p, mkg 11.5p
Last time's profit was £63,000. There was an exceptional charge of £130,000 (£240,000). Turnover slipped to £123.9m (£127.8m).

LYONS IRISH HLDGS (Fin)
Pre-tax: £9.43m (£7.87m)
EPS: 27.41p (24.46p)
Div: 6.3p, mkg 9.45p.
All figures are in Irish currency. Last time's total dividend was 8.6p. Turnover slid to £24.9m (£25.1m). Interest gain of £3.78m (£2.66m).

THOSE few remaining bears in the bond market made their excuses and left as buyers made a concerted effort to mop up loose stock. Gilt auctions and a steady stream of smaller tranches of stock have held the rest of the market back. But this week's buying has cleared the Bank of England out of surplus stock. The respite is likely to be short-lived. Brokers believe that the Bank will announce further issues within the next few days, or even a full-blown gilt auction.

Activity on the futures market accelerated as the September series of the Long Gilt rose £$^{13}/_{16}$ to £104$^{11}/_{32}$ with 43,000 contracts completed. On the cash market, interest was focused on the longer end where Treasury 9 per cent 2012 jumped 17 ticks to £105. In shorts, Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 was just a tick firmer at £109⅝.

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
103	100	Treas 12½% 1993	100 †	−	12.42	5.82
100	99	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.71
105	103	Treas 13¾% 1993	103	−	13.27	5.62
102	101	Treas 8¼% 1994	101	...	8.35	5.41
108	106	Treas 14½% 1994	106	−	13.65	5.61
109	106	Exch 13½% 1994	106	−	12.65	5.62
105	104	Treas 10% 1994	104 †	...	9.60	5.69
110	107	Exch 12½% 1994	107	...	11.60	5.75
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	104	...	8.64	5.89
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	109	...	11.00	6.04
96	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	95	...	3.14	5.46
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	+	9.51	6.24
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	114	+	11.18	6.38
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111	108	Conv 10% 1996	109	+	9.13	6.83
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	119	+	11.10	7.08
113	110	Exch 10½% 1997	111	+	9.45	7.03
108	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	106	+	8.25	7.05
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	128	...	11.71	7.35
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	109	+	8.89	7.25
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	+	7.20	7.06
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138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	134	+	11.55	7.51
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124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	120	+	10.14	7.71
117	112	Treas 10½% 1999	113	+	9.23	7.56
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	113	+	9.07	7.63
110	106	Conv 9% 2000	107	+	8.39	7.59
131	125	Treas 13% 2000	126 †	+	10.26	7.98
115	109	Treas 10% 2001	111	+	8.95	7.93
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	125	+	11.13	7.63
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	110	+	8.79	8.04
103	97	Treas 8% 2003	100 †	+	7.98	7.95
116	109	Treas 10% 2003	112	+	8.88	8.14
122	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	118	+	9.69	8.20
74	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	71 †	+	4.92	7.33
112	105	Conv 9½% 2004	109	+	8.70	8.22
112	105	Conv 9½% 2005	109	+	8.70	8.24
131	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	127	+	9.79	8.45
101	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	98	+	8.15	8.24
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121	+	9.65	8.40
104	97	Treas 8½% 2007	101 †	+	8.37	8.31
139	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	135	+	10.00	8.46
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108	101	Treas 9% 2008	105	+	8.53	8.34
99	92	Treas 8% 2009	96	+	8.27	8.39
108	100	Conv 9% 2011	104 †	+	8.58	8.45
108	100	Treas 9% 2012	104	+	8.58	8.46
76	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	74	+	7.42	8.18
97	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92	+	8.34	8.46
135	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	131 †	+	9.14	8.69
105	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	102	+	8.55	8.51
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48	43	Consols 4%	46	−	8.64	...
42	38	War Ln 3½%	40	+	8.56	...
63	60	Conv 3½%	61	+	5.65	...
31	28	Consols 2½%	30	+	8.23	...
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134	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	134	+	...	1.28
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165	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165	+	2.93	3.27
165	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161	+	3.03	3.32
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154	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152	+	3.32	3.51
159	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157	+	3.37	3.55
131	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129	+	3.43	3.59
139	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137	+	3.49	3.65
133	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132	+	3.54	3.68
111	100	Treas IL 2½% 2024	109	+	3.56	3.68
111	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	110	−	3.57	3.69

Break for the Border (48)	58	...
Bruntcliffe Aggregates (25)	33	...
China Inv Trust (100)	93	...
China Inv Warrants	51	...
Division Group (40)	88	+2
Drew Scientific (105)	131	−1
Fleming Clvrhse C (100)	102	...
Inveresk (150)	164	−1
Irish Continental	160	...
OGC (130)	130	...
Phonelink (155)	240	+4
Pilkington Warrants	35	...

RISES:
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Mansfield .... 800p (+15p)
Dunhill .... 361p (+17p)
Cable Wireless .... 743p (+15p)
Matthew Clark .... 419p (+14p)
Amersham .... 754p (+30p)

FALLS:
BPB Ind .... 221p (-14p)
Wilson Bowden .... 437p (-14p)
Hogg Robinson .... 195p (-9p)

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JONES nee DAVIES Gwyneth Jones, nee Davies, Widow late of 8b Merthyr Mawr Road, Bridgend, Mid-Glamorgan, died at Bridgend on the 20th April 1991. (Lapsed share about £9,000.00) The kin of the above named are requested to apply to Mrs. Sian Thomas, Robertsons, Solicitors, 6/7 Court Road, Bridgend, Mid-Glamorgan, CF31 1BH.

On Thursday 17th June 1993, the following Annual General Meetings will be held at 18 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2.
5.30pm Royal Commonwealth Society
7.00pm Commonwealth Trust

ROBINSON nee HADLEY DORIS MARY ROBINSON nee HADLEY WIDOW late of Fairlawns, 41 Wash Lane, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex died at Colchester, Essex on 20th September 1992 (Estate about £6,000) The kin of the above named are requested to apply to Messrs Reynolds Coleman & Jones of 61/65 Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex CO15 1SA.

LEGAL NOTICES

Cadenza Design Limited Registered Number 2271321. Trading Name: Cadenza Design Limited. Nature of Business: Design Company Trade Classification: 38. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 28 May 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: P R Sykes and J R Hill (office holder nos: 6119 and 8737) B D O Binder Hamlyn 20 Old Bailey London EC4M 7BH.

Independent Radio Sales Ltd Registered number: 1356629. Former company name: Independent Local Radio Sales Ltd. Nature of business: Dealers in Advertising Trade classification: 46. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 1 June 1993 Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bank of Scotland, ANZ Banking Group Ltd. Joint Administrative Receivers: Murdoch Lang McKillop and Martin Fishman (office holder nos: 5096 and 6470) of Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT

KINER BUILDING PRODUCTS LIMITED THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, M4 1QD on Wednesday 16 June 1993 at 12.00 noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr S Lord of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require. Dated this 4th day of June 1993 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD Mr P Norton, DIRECTOR.

Coles Menswear (London) plc NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named company will be held at 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA on Wednesday 16 June 1993 at 10.30 hrs for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. A list of names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA on Monday 14 June 1993 and on Tuesday 15 June 1993. Dated 24/5/93 By Order of the Board Keith Cole, Director

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Nationwide Vehicle Rentals Limited THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at The Conference Suite, Chamberlains Leagrave Road, Luton, Beds. on 16 June 1993 at 10.30 for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act. Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of account at the registered office 1 Telford Way, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 1HT not later than 12 noon on 15 June 1993. For the purposes of voting, a secured creditor is required (unless he surrenders his security) to lodge at 1 Telford Way, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 1HT before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed. Notice is further given that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at 1 Telford Way, Luton Bedfordshire, LU1 1HT between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above. By Order of the Board J Norman, Director.

No. 004777 of 1993 IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF BOSTROM plc AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 28th day of May 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the amount standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company. AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard by Mr Registrar Buckley at The Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 23rd day of June 1993. ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of Share Premium Account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same. Messrs Edge & Ellison Rutland House 148 Edmund Street BIRMINGHAM B3 2JR.

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NOTICE TO ARON BARZELAI
COURT REF: A1806/93
An action has been raised in Edinburgh Sheriff Court by C.B. Finance Limited, Pursuers calling as Defender, Aron Barzelai, t/a The City Lunch Box, whose last known address was 155 Brick Lane, Whitechapel, London E1. If the said Aron Barzelai wishes to defend the action or make any claim therein he should immediately contact the Sheriff Clerk, 82 Lauriston Place Edinburgh from whom he may obtain the service copy initial writ.
Michael J Ferrie
Messrs Orr MacQueen WS
36 Heriot Row
EDINBURGH
Solicitors for Pursuers

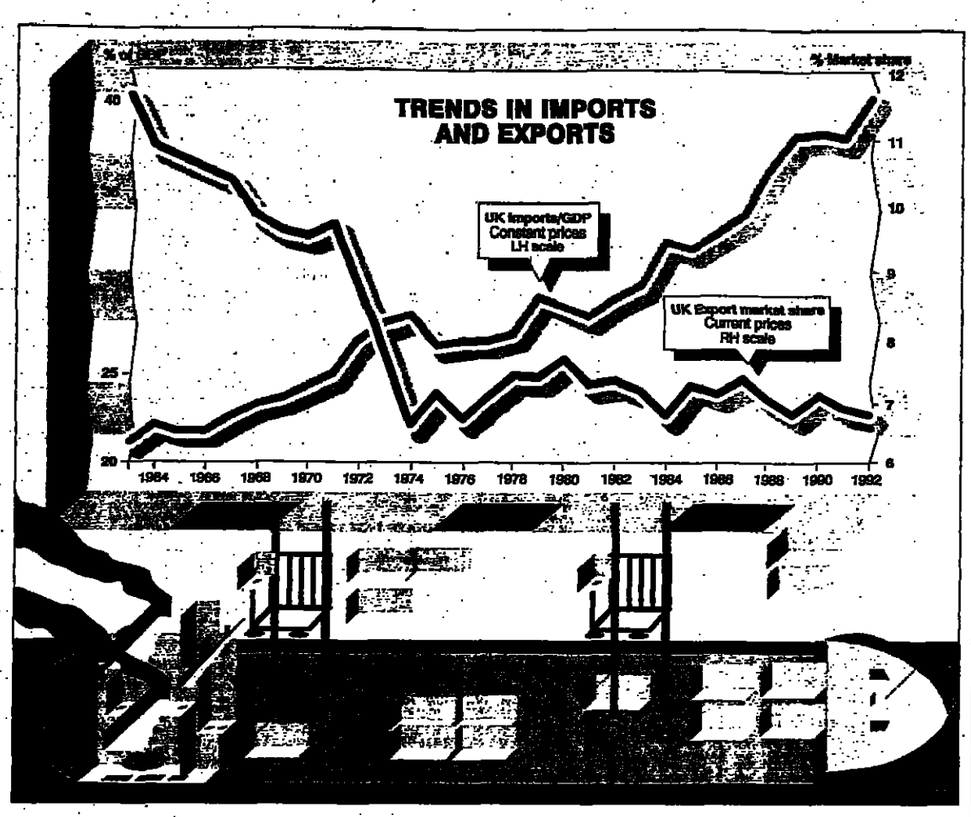
NOTICE TO LARS POUL SKENSVED AND TIKAM JETHMAL MAHTANI
COURT REF: A2153/93
An action has been raised in Edinburgh Sheriff Court by Caledonian Bank PLC, Pursuers calling as First Defender, Lars Poul Skensved whose last known address was 2 Makepeace House, 32 Kelso Place, London and calling as Second Defender, Tikam Jethmal Mahtani whose last known address was 18 Ogle Street, London, W1P 7LG. If the said Lars Poul Skensved or the said Tikam Jethmal Mahtani wish to defend the action or make any claim therein they should immediately contact the Sheriff Clerk, 82 Lauriston Place, Edinburgh from whom they may obtain the service copy initial writ.
Michael J Ferrie
Messrs Orr MacQueen WS
36 Heriot Row
EDINBURGH
Solicitors for Pursuers

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 VISTA CONTRACTS LIMITED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the above named company will be held at The Thurrock Hotel, Ship Lane, Grays, RM16 1YN on Friday 25th June 1993 at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act. Notice is also given, pursuant to Section 98(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Messrs. Shuttleworth & Company, 9 Victoria Road, Romford, Essex, RM1 2JT on the two business days falling next before the day of the Meeting. By Order of the Board Dated this 7th day of June 1993 Mrs A. Major, DIRECTOR.

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Statistical fudge cannot hide UK's economic sticky wicket

Tomorrow's CSO trade figures, filling the void created by switching to a new data collection system, will be horrible, writes Janet Bush



Michael Portillo's scary pronouncements on public spending have had many an anxious pensioner ringing *The Times* to suggest ingenious ways of cutting the deficit without attacking pensions, prescription charges and the like. Whitehall has everyone caught up with its priority of tackling Britain's huge structural budget deficit.

Still apparently sacrosanct, too, is a continued obsession with controlling inflation, although even the most conservative economic forecasters argue that there is not much of a problem and will not be for some time. After Britain's farewell to the exchange-rate mechanism, Norman Lamont, then Emperor of Whitehall, chose (of all things, ostensibly still in the grip of deep recession) to clothe his policy nakedness in an inflation target.

So it is that the imperial retinue has been expressing noisy satisfaction from Threadneedle Street to Whitehall about the modest strengthening in sterling in recent months — a message that does not seem to have changed since the installation of the new emperor, Kenneth Clarke.

But the little boy in the crowd is about to pipe up. The Central Statistical Office tomorrow publishes the first trade figures since December, ending the statistical black hole created by switching to a new trade data collection system for the European single market.

Covering the first quarter, the figures are widely expected to be horrible and the economic debate could take a new tack. The government says it has rediscovered the importance of trade, exports and manufacturing but, even if it has not, the markets will force it to take the forgotten deficit seriously. Sterling could sail into rough waters.

There could not be more uncertainty about what these figures will tell us, not least because nobody knows how well British firms have responded to European Intrastat, the new collection system via VAT returns, or whether it will allow us to draw a straight line from the last trade figures, compiled from customs returns. If tomorrow's figures are bad, there could not be much more room for statistical fudge.

More importantly, Britain's trade profile is difficult to estimate because a number of different forces at work at the same time — exactly coinciding with the absence of statistics. Broadly speaking, the main positive influence is sterling's devaluation since December, and the main negative influence is the dramatic slowdown in European economies that account for the largest proportion of British exports.

The government is forecasting a current account deficit this year of £17.5 billion compared with last year's £12 billion deficit, but other forecasters are more pessimistic. The National Institute of Economic and Social Research, for example, is forecasting a current account deficit this year of £19.6 billion and a visible trade shortfall of £23 billion this year and next. The guess is that the deterioration in visible trade will gradually worsen as the year goes on, with the least bad performance coming in the first quarter. The institute predicts a visible trade deficit in the first three months of this year of £5.5 billion.

In the first months of the year, British exporters appear to have responded positively to sterling's devaluation. Their robust performance appears to have outweighed the damaging J-curve effect that immediately follows a depreciation in which import prices rise more quickly than export volumes.

Also positive for the trade balance at this stage is the subdued state of domestic demand, with British consumers still on the defensive, holding on to savings and borrowing only marginally more to finance spending. Signs of faltering retail sales last month suggest that, despite talk of a broad and strong consumer revival, the combined effect of debt aversion and fear of unemployment should limit Britain's propensity to suck in more imports for a while yet.

Figures that have been available for Britain's trade with countries outside the EC show that the trade balance has, indeed, been improving. The visible trade deficit was down to £831 million in April, against £1.34 billion in December. Excluding oil and erratic items, exports were up 1.5 per cent in April while imports rose by only 0.5 per cent. However, it is inconceivable that Britain will have done as well in Europe, which last year accounted for about 56 per cent of exports and 53 per cent of imports. Firstly, several other trading partners have devalued more substantially than Britain. Secondly, Europe is slowing dramatically.

> 'Continuing growth in the volume of imports results from gaps in the product range of British industry'

In the second half of this year, exporting into Europe is likely to become even more difficult as its economies slow further (although at least the J-curve effect will be dissipating). But, at the same time, if Treasury optimists are to be believed, British consumers will be in spending mood and that means substantially more imports.

These are just some of the uncertainties in trying to forecast Britain's trade deficit this year. Looking further out, there are even more sticky questions. On exports: were there genuine supply-side improvements in the 1980s that have produced a step improvement in the competitiveness of British companies and will go some way towards compensating for the loss of capacity in the tradeable goods sector in the last two recessions?

On imports: has our propensity to suck in foreign goods also gone through a step change, the catalyst being the boom-boom credit conditions and accent on personal sector consumption created in the 1980s? Lehman Brothers' London research team suggests that, while Britain's export market share has stabilised since the mid-1970s after deteriorating sharply in the 1960s, the share of gdp accounted for by imports has risen markedly. They suggest that import trends have worsened, with "import elasticity" as high as 2.5 — implying that for every 1 per cent growth in gdp, import volumes could rise by 2.5 per cent. In 1992, gdp fell by 0.5 per cent and domestic demand rose by only 0.5 per cent, yet import volumes grew by more than 5 per cent.

Britain is likely to face very severe trade problems in the years ahead. In early May, the National Institute held a meeting of company heads to discuss the effect of sterling's depreciation on the economy. Exporters said the pound's fall has helped and that the benefits of devaluation should last longer than normal because of the slackness of economic activity and the subdued behaviour of wage costs.

At the same time, "exports cannot just be turned on and off at will", said the institute, noting that "continuing growth in the volume of imports results from gaps in the product range of British industry. It is now often quite impossible to source materials or new equipment from UK producers. Having lost capacity in previous recessions, firms cannot easily re-create it".

Success in digging Britain out of its structural trade imbalance implies a prodigious 1980s supply-side miracle and most level heads with experience of British economic management do not believe in that. Or it would take a massive assault by the taxman on the consumer — extremely unlikely given the Major government's propensity to back down in the face of opinion polls. Or it takes a much more substantial devaluation in the value of sterling for a long run of years, exactly opposite to the policy the Treasury is foisting onto successive Chancellors.

TEMPUS

By George, no rate cut

THE times are such that markets paid more attention to yesterday's attack on the mark by George Soros in these pages than to the diatribes of Norman Lamont on opportunist rate cuts and the status of the Bank of England. Today, they should give more heed to the musings of the Bank's incoming Governor, Eddie George may not have independent authority and he will have to obey a more unitedly opportunist Chancellor and prime minister, but he is certainly coming out of his corner fighting.

In essence, he argues that the Chancellor should eschew a further cut in short-term interest rates for the purpose of faster stimulating the recovery. Mr George is playing for high stakes. He has put the case against a monetary stimulus so strongly that any short-term cut, for instance before underlying retail price inflation comes below 2.5 per cent, would cause him an embarrassing loss of face at the very start of his term. If only the Bank had argued so strongly an openly against an unecessary monetary contraction when sterling was slipped into the ERM, say, six months too early.

The Bank's view is not merely an issue of economic policy. It has to raise wartime levels of government borrowing and was embarrassed when Mr Lamont was told to cut a point off base rates ahead of one of its auctions. As Mr George wryly notes, gilt-edged yields of 8 per cent or more do not suggest the markets are convinced that inflation is dead. He hardly needed to add, given the Bank's choice of debt instruments, that it too remains unconvinced of the government's anti-inflationary credentials.

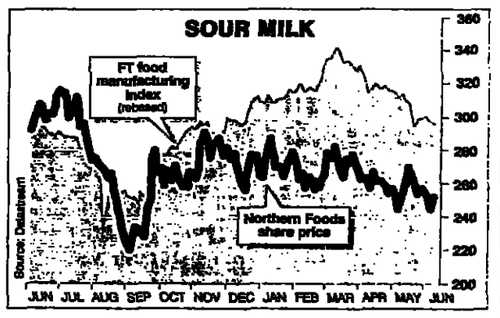
Northern Foods

THAT old adage "no use crying over spilt milk" must have taken on a whole new meaning for Christopher Haskins, chairman of Northern Foods. Concerns over its milk business have depressed the shares, which now stand at only 11 times prospective earnings.

These fears were initially driven by the continuing decline in UK doorstep deliveries, coupled with the limited scope to increase margins on sales to retailers. More recently, negative sentiment has been fuelled by the uncertainty of the impact of the new Milk Marque, which replaces the Milk Marketing Board next year, and the viability of the group's newly created Northern Milk Partnership. Its pledge to pay milk producers a higher price than those offered by Milk Marque has understandably unsettled the market.

All this has overshadowed a creditable performance from the group as a whole. Although much of the 21 per cent rise in profit was due to a full-year contribution from Express and Eden Vale, underlying profit growth was still a healthy 6 per cent.

The shares are still unlikely to gain much ground until life under the new milk regime becomes clearer.



Racal

SIR Ernest Harrison continues to fine-tune the Racal Electronics accounts with all the skill of an experienced radio ham. Long-time watchers showed no surprise on learning that the company chose to prepare the latest results under the old accounting convention, which allows the costs of last year's demerger to be taken below the line.

Some were still taken aback at the mix of exceptional items. A £7.1 million provision for restructuring that will not take place until the current financial year is neatly balanced by an unexpected £6.9 million treasury profit, as Racal slimmed its borrowing requirements.

Sir Ernest says that while the work is yet to be done, the decision to do it was taken last year. But the effect will be to smooth the profits flow from a business whose performance has been nothing if not erratic in the past.

Racal's shares, even after an unbroken climb since the demerger from Chubb, are still not too far north of their 185p net asset value, and market optimists remember that the unwanted bid from Williams Holdings was very much an asset play. While the demerger has allowed the remaining management to concentrate on a business that had consistently underperformed in the past, Racal remains a small player in many of its chosen fields, overshadowed by the big multinationals in the electronics field.

Johnson Matthey

JOHNSON Matthey is determined that one day soon its shares will be included in the FT-SE 100 index — by its own strength rather than others' weakness.

That would be the ultimate recognition of a group that not so many years ago was all but corporately dead, and which in the past three years has taken a savage, but effective, knife to the costs base.

The group is well entrenched in its specialised field of catalytic converters, for which there remains strong and growing worldwide demand, and its attention to value-added technology should ensure a further strong profits stream from the core business.

JM has been liberated from the Charter Consolidated connection after February's share reshuffle whereby JCI came back onto the share register and Minorco took up a direct stake, with a further 18.3 per cent going to various institutions. Now freer, it is charting its own course with fresh strategic alliances. More will follow. The FT-SE can't be too far away.

Hambros

DESPITE announcing a 13 per cent fall in pre-tax profits, Hambros results had analysts rushing to upgrade their current-year forecasts.

Although the group is unlikely to start firing on all cylinders just yet, it is viewed as one of the stronger recovery plays in the sector. A dividend yield of 5.2 per cent compares favourably with the 3 per cent yield of some of its competitors. Signs of life were already apparent in the latest results. The Hambro Countrywide estate agency chain has been in profit since March, and banking profits rose despite an £11 million increase in bad debt provisions.

With housing volumes set to rise and bad debts expected to fall as the economy picks up, Hambros can only improve on these early gains.

COMPANY BRIEFS

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Unmusical Maxwell

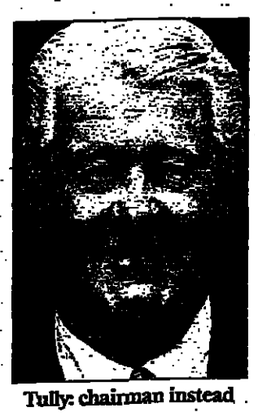
KEVIN Maxwell is threatening legal action to prevent a controversial £1 million West End musical about his late father, himself notoriously litigious, from hitting the stage this November. Kevin believes the musical, which features the music of Gilbert & Sullivan reworked with new lyrics based on the tycoon's bizarre life, could prejudice his own trial on theft charges. A letter from Kevin Maxwell's lawyers to Evan Steadman, the show's producer and a former chairman of Maxwell Business Communications Group, also threatens to ask the trial judge to intervene "to restrain any live performances, whether reported in the media or otherwise." Last-minute negotiations to allow lawyers to vet the play are in progress but yesterday Steadman pledged: "The show will go on."

Going for broker

BETS are now being taken in the Wall Street offices of Merrill Lynch on which of three candidates will get the job as next president of America's largest broker. The post falls vacant in three weeks when £5.2 million-a-year Daniel Tully, 61, forfeits the role to add the title of chairman to his current job as chief executive. William Schreyer, the outgoing chairman, retires with the new title chairman emeritus. Awaiting elevation to president from the ranks of executive vice-presidents are: John Steffens, head of stockbroking; Herbert Allison, who runs investment banking, and David Komansky, who leads the firm's equity and bond divisions. All three are powerful candidates, but insiders are tipping Steffens as favourite. Retail stockbroking will be in the forefront of Merrill's fight with the new combined Smith Barney Shearson and he is credited with boosting client assets to a record $500 billion. Salary provides no clue to ranking. All three earned about £3.3 million last year. Battle is joined next month.

Count me in

NEIL "Ed" Edmonstone, one of the City's old guard, has returned to his old haunts around Throgmorton Avenue after years of exile south of the Thames. Edmonstone, also known as "The Count", has joined Raphael Zorn Hemsley, the private client broker, to resurrect a UK institutional equities team. Also joining are Vernon Madge, a banking analyst of 30 years standing, and David Fitzimmon, a chemicals specialist — both formerly of Sheppards. "I have returned to the world I used to know and enjoy," says Edmonstone, who joined this week after seven years south of the river, first at the Cotton Centre with CIBC, then at Sheppards at No 1 London Bridge.


Tully: chairman instead

Turkish delight

FERGUS Falk, the Touche Ross partner who coined the term "forensic accountancy", cannot be said to shy away from challenges. Still in the frontline searching for the millions missing from both BCCI and Polly Peck when he is not tracking down assets in matrimonial disputes, Falk opted recently to issue a challenge of his own. At an after-hours internal Touche Ross seminar about "forensic accounting" at Polly Peck, he offered to buy a magnum of champagne for anyone who could tell him the Turkish for "forensic department" by the end of the evening. John Barrington-Carver, the PR consultant, moved swiftly with his own forensic operation, tracking down a news editor on the BBC World Service's Turkish desk. No doubt Asil Nadir will also raise his flute to the principles of *mahkem veya munazaraya at bölum.*

TIMING, chaps, timing... An Israeli university has awarded Jacques Attali, controversial head of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, best known for lavish spending at head office, an honorary PhD for his "outstanding contributions to economics and exemplary public service".

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

LETTERS

Proposals that amount to taxation by diktat

From Mr Charles F. O. Bladon

Sir, I am writing to support David Whiscombe (Letters, June 2) concerning the outrageous suggestion that there should be no right of appeal against the decision of a VAT inspector to disallow input tax unless Customs have been acting unreasonably.

Firstly, it will be almost impossible to prove that an inspector has been unreasonable and, further, as Mr Whiscombe points out, it is quite possible for a person to be reasonable but wrong.

Secondly, these proposals can also have effects in the field of income tax and corporation tax. If under the usual provisions for the exchange of information, the fact that input tax has been disallowed is reported to the Inland Revenue, there is the prospect that the tax inspector will, regardless of the merits of the case, seek to deny tax relief upon the same items.

Frankly, the whole idea amounts to "taxation by diktat" and deserves the strongest possible opposition.

A further consequence of these proposals is that the door is now opened to bribery and corruption. In the case of the smaller business, a VAT inspection commonly concludes with a discussion with the VAT inspector and the proprietor of the business. Here, uncertain points can be queried and explained — and an over-aggressive inspector is constrained by the thought that, at present, his decisions are open to challenge in front of the VAT tribunal. In the future, there now seems to be the prospect that the rare but venal VAT inspector, knowing that there is no avenue to challenge his adverse decisions could say to the proprietor "The allowability of a large part of your input tax appears to be uncertain and I am therefore proposing to disallow your claim. However, for a small price I could decide otherwise."

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES F. O. BLADON,
Bladon & Partners,
30 Osborne Road,
Potters Bar, Herts.

Supermarket tomato price does not seem to check out

From Miss J. E. Bagshaw

Sir, Mr Sholto (Letters, June 8) and I have suffered similarly. When fruit and vegetables begin to rot, prices are reduced but this is seldom reflected in the price list in front of the cashiers.

Last Saturday, I bought some beef tomatoes but I was charged the price when they were fresh — several days earlier. Because I am usually in a hurry and I do not want to incur the wrath of the queue behind, I pay what I am asked. But last Saturday I phoned the manager. Before I could say one word, he said: "It's the onions, isn't it?". This seems to suggest these complaints are only too common.

Yours faithfully,
J. ERNESTINE BAGSHAW,
Porte Bonheur,
87 Park Road,
Brentwood, Essex.

From the Director of Branch Services, Sainsbury's

Sir, Mr Sholto's letter raised some important issues about the accuracy of the electronic checkouts at our supermarkets and I would like to make a number of points in response.

First, Mr Sholto is absolutely right when he says that mistakes are not intentional.

Second, the new technology is certainly much more accurate than the old-fashioned manual systems ever were, and Mr Sholto can be reassured that mistakes are now few and far between. The introduction of electronic scanning tills at Sainsbury's means that customers can be assured that the price on the shelf is the price that will be charged at the checkout. In addition, the provision of an itemised till receipt means customers can carry out a detailed check and any errors can be rectified quickly by the store staff.

Finally, as I mentioned above, the computer does not make pricing errors itself and the specific points raised in his letter are, in fact, a result of human error. Under our strict procedures, checkout operators are alerted to such goods by a bright yellow sticker. The sticker is placed across the bar code in order to stop the item being "scanned" and charged at the full price. This procedure has proved extremely reliable and our vigorous checks confirm that the level of error is infinitesimally small and in all cases caused by human error.

I would like to wholeheartedly apologise to Mr Sholto for the lapse in our manual procedures and I am delighted that he was able to identify the errors so quickly from the detailed till receipt and have them corrected rapidly by the store staff.

Yours faithfully,
HAMISH ELVIDGE
Director of Branch Services,
Sainsbury's,
J Sainsbury plc,
Stamford House,
Stamford Street, SE1.

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0345 717373

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Mastertrust	118.80	127.00	...	.98
International	91.29	97.11	+0.02	.93
Dividend Gth	57.13	60.77	+0.12	4.62
Global Gth Sec	62.09	66.05	-0.02	2.62
Ethical Growth	65.12	69.27†	-0.20	2.53
High Inc Equity	148.90	158.40	...	5.01
Worldwide Bond	268.30	284.50†	-0.60	4.26
Gilts Fixed Inc	128.00	135.70†	+0.20	6.06

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
0224 633070
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30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ
071 374 6881

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	43.00	45.38	-0.35	0.69
European	81.06	85.89	-0.21	...
European Inc	77.35	82.17†	-0.15	1.83
Exempt	901.70	929.60†	+4.50	3.30
Extra Inc	42.66	46.23†	+0.11	4.99
F East Emerg Ec	84.99	91.59	+0.79	0.71

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL
0793 514514
Dealing: 0793 610366

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Inc	379.30	405.40	+1.90	4.06
Equity Inc	214.10	228.80	-1.20	3.98
High Yield	234.10	250.20†	-1.40	4.09
Balanced	633.40	677.10†	-3.00	2.61
American Inc	47.26	50.52	+0.32	3.37
Wld Asset Val	40.35	43.13	+0.03	1.90
Japan	211.60	225.40	-0.30	0.01
Secs of Am	400.70	426.40†	-0.20	0.58

AXA EQUITY & LAW
St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Acc	311.40	331.30	...	2.73
-do- Inc	220.70	234.80	...	2.73
Higher Inc Acc	566.50	602.70	...	3.72
-do- Inc	344.20	366.20	...	3.72
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	174.00	183.70	...	6.07
-do- Inc	91.19	96.31	...	6.07
Nth America	254.20	270.50	...	...
Far East	303.90	323.30	...	0.19
Europe	225.30	239.70	...	1.01
General Inc	423.60	450.70	...	2.42
-do- Acc	464.70	494.40	...	2.42
Brit Exreit	62.89	66.91†	...	2.75
Brit Fndmnls Inc	66.18	70.41	...	4.89
Brit Fndmnls Acc	85.31	90.76	...	4.80
Global Opps	72.43	77.06†	...	0.09

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MANAGERS
36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN
071 489 8673

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Brit O seas	249.90	263.00	...	1.35
Capital Gwth	99.02	104.20	...	2.55
Worldwie Opps	150.30	158.20	...	0.62

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15
081 534 5544

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	104.70	112.00	...	2.79
Euro Gth Inc	113.30	120.20	-0.90	1.04
Extra Inc	104.90	112.20	-0.20	4.85
General	238.70	255.30	+0.20	2.97
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.17	59.10†	+0.02	8.54
Income	484.50	518.20	+1.40	4.48

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
081 658 9002

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	89.88	95.43	-0.69	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	115.90	124.30	-1.10	...
Convertibles	53.35	57.05	+0.24	7.00
Eastern	187.50	201.90	+2.30	1.60
Equity Income	80.65	85.79†	+0.64	6.30
European Gth	227.50	241.80†	-0.40	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	148.70	158.80†	-0.70	1.90
Exempt	83.46	85.66	+0.76	3.60
German Growth	55.41	59.01	+0.04	0.70
Global Growth	108.10	115.20	-0.10	...
Japan Growth	209.30	224.20	...	...
Japan Sunrise	182.00	194.20	-0.40	...
Portfolio	117.30	125.60	+0.20	3.20
-do- Acc	209.10	223.90	+0.30	3.20
UK Growth	82.96	88.25	+0.52	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	87.07	93.12	+0.61	1.90
Select Managers	63.07	67.50	+0.07	2.00

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041 332 3132

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balan Gth Acc	104.47	111.73	+0.38	1.87
-do- Inc	94.97	101.57	+0.35	1.87
Global Bond	28.83	30.58†	+0.07	5.37
High Yield Acc	53.47	57.19	+0.17	3.50
-do- Inc	38.81	41.51	+0.12	3.50
Smlr Cos Acc	91.22	97.56	+0.04	1.35
-do- Inc	83.84	89.67†	+0.03	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	56.09	59.99	-0.82	...
-do- Inc	55.04	58.87	-0.80	...
Euro Gth Acc	100.71	100.71	-0.17	1.07
-do- Inc	99.33	106.24	-0.17	1.07
Mngd P folio	35.02	37.45	-0.07	1.29
Pacific Growth	103.32	110.50	+0.84	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	85.96	91.94	+0.71	0.67

BROWN SHIPLEY
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Financial	126.00	134.20	-0.90	3.12
Smaller Cos Acc	298.10	319.00	-0.30	...
Smaller Cos Inc	173.40	185.50†	+0.11	1.17
High Inc	70.43	75.71†	+0.11	6.92
Income	127.20	136.10†	+0.20	4.04
Mngd P folio Inc	94.52	100.70	-0.20	1.97
-do- Acc	178.60	190.20	-0.40	...
North American	101.20	107.80	-1.10	0.20
Orient	131.80	141.90†	+0.10	...
Recovery	42.17	45.34†	+0.09	2.47
German	40.38	43.30	+0.55	0.09
Intl Growth	33.16	35.31	-0.23	0.22
European Inc	21.97	23.65	-0.08	0.48

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542
Dealing: 071 247 7474

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	61.13	65.04	-0.10	1.47
-do- Acc	68.92	73.32	-0.11	1.25
Income Fund 5	212.20	225.80	+0.90	4.12
-do- Acc	493.80	525.40	+2.10	4.14
Inv Portfolio	67.00	69.44	+0.01	2.11
-do- Acc	75.66	78.41	+0.01	2.07
Smaller Cos	128.40	136.70	+0.10	1.64
-do- Acc	154.30	164.20	-0.20	1.52
High Inc P folio	60.41	62.61	+0.30	4.86

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL
071 480 7216

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Sbt Gilt Fxd Int	65.89	66.79	+0.01	5.82

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH
061 837 5060

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Environ	134.30	142.90†	-0.30	1.69
UK Growth	146.40	155.80	...	2.12
UK Income	122.30	130.00	+0.20	4.22

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB
081 902 8876

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
SE Asia	87.99	94.11	+0.42	1.62
Growth	44.13	47.20	-0.22	2.90
Income	54.30	58.08	+0.21	3.48
Far East	49.72	53.18	+0.20	0.15
North American	81.73	87.88	-0.70	...
Global	85.07	90.99	+0.55	0.73
European	70.44	75.34	-0.05	1.18
Japan	119.00	127.30	+0.30	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	58.59	62.07	-0.08	5.17
UK Cap Gwth	80.16	85.73	-0.50	2.12

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
Enquiries: 061 236 5685
Dealing: 061 236 5362
Capability Trusts

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gen	127.70	135.90	-0.60	0.22
-do- Acc	135.80	144.50	-0.50	0.22
European	66.00	69.86	-0.15	0.77
-do- Acc	68.41	72.41	-0.16	0.77
Far East Gen	69.19	73.61	-0.02	...
-do- Acc	69.19	73.61	+0.02	...
Glenfriars	255.60	272.30	+0.10	0.68
-do- Acc	288.10	306.50	+0.10	0.66
Growth	379.70	406.10	+1.50	2.24
-do- Acc	649.90	695.10	+2.40	2.24
Income Growth	374.80	398.80	+1.60	3.81
-do- Acc	498.40	530.30	+2.10	3.81
Master Portfolio	9472.0	9809.0	...	2.24
-do- Acc	10940.0	11352.0	...	2.24
Special Sits	87.24	92.81	+0.21	2.21
-do- Acc	102.09	108.61	+0.25	2.21
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1190.0	1227.0†	+6.00	4.39
-do- Acc	1404.0	1448.0	+8.00	4.39

CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU
071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Index	189.00	202.10	-1.40	1.63
Capital	530.20	565.80	+2.60	2.36
Eurotrack 100	130.60	139.00	...	1.49
Euro Gth	81.11	86.48	+0.08	1.50
Far East Growth	95.58	102.00	+0.50	0.07
Global Bond	23.68	24.95	-0.04	6.00
Hong Kong	85.31	91.04	+0.79	0.76
Income	498.30	531.70	+2.60	3.92
Intl Growth	74.78	79.80	-0.41	0.98
Japan Growth	287.00	306.20	-1.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	37.16	39.65	+0.06	...
Japan Index	83.05	88.63	-0.30	0.22
Nth American	430.60	459.50	-4.10	0.94
S pore Mly Gth	56.34	60.12†	+1.40	...
The Footsie Fd	105.80	111.70†	+0.40	2.75
Tiger Index	142.80	152.40	+0.50	0.61
Trixie Index	105.70	112.80	+0.10	2.54
UK Index	123.50	131.70	+0.40	2.96

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0708

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American P folio	82.12	87.74†	...	1.00
European P folio	72.47	77.16	...	1.38
Japanese P folio	68.92	73.25	-0.07	...
Pacific P folio	100.77	108.36†	+0.44	1.11
Cazenove P folio	71.40	76.37	...	3.00
UK Income Gth	62.84	67.37	...	5.00
Utility & Bond	49.27	49.95	...	7.00

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Investment Fd	599.55	601.80	...	4.95
Fixed Int	153.15	153.90	...	9.42
Deposit	5.65	...	5.77	...

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	590.99	598.50	...	3.00
-do- Acc	2316.8	2332.7	...	...
Deposit	5.65	...	5.77	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.45	124.64	...	9.31
-do- Acc	166.60	166.90	...	...

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1
071 407 5966

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Fin Assets	62.27	65.55	...	2.30
Beckman Intl	80.46	84.95	+0.99	3.12
Friars Hse Inc	176.59	189.88	...	6.12
Friars Hse Cap	244.73	263.15	...	2.77

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222
Dealing: 081 686 9818

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Smaller Cos	36.51	38.84	+0.11	1.84
-do- Acc	41.14	43.77	+0.13	1.84
Wwide Bd	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Wwide Sp Sits	57.52	61.52	-0.19	0.22
-do- Acc	59.92	64.09	-0.20	0.22
Quilter	121.91	130.75	+0.99	2.40
-do- Acc	136.50	145.21	+1.09	2.40
Quilter Income	93.26	99.21	+0.74	3.05
-do- Acc	114.94	122.27	+0.91	3.05
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	92.23	92.23	+0.01	5.33
-do- Acc	92.23	92.23	+0.01	5.33
Fixed Conv	40.25	42.82†	+0.05	7.06
-do- Acc	106.69	113.50	+0.13	7.06
Equity Inc	145.48	154.77	+1.01	3.56
-do- Acc	467.03	496.84	+3.25	3.56
Preference	47.49	50.52	+0.06	7.18
-do- Acc	243.64	259.19	+0.28	7.18
PPT Europe	149.46	159.00	...	1.03
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.09	50.10	+0.13	7.97
PPT Global Bond	83.95	89.23	+0.09	5.54
PPT Gold Cum	56.08	59.66	-1.23	...
PPT Oriental Gth	56.43	60.03	+0.31	0.38
PPT Far East Gth	108.05	114.95	+0.54	0.12
PPT High Yield	115.07	122.41	+0.78	4.77
-do- Acc	442.68	470.94	+2.97	4.77
PPT Managed	61.54	65.47	+0.19	3.43
-do- Acc	75.23	80.03	+0.22	3.43
PPT UK General	67.68	72.00	-0.43	2.57
-do- Acc	82.14	87.38	-0.52	2.57
PPT Japan	122.57	130.39	+0.18	...
PPT N Amer	146.10	155.43	-1.41	0.12
PPT UK Gth	117.27	124.76	-0.65	2.04

EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ
0242 577 555

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Oriental Op Acc	82.79	88.07	+0.81	0.90
Japanese Acc	65.88	70.08	-0.32	...
UK Balncd Inc	124.90	132.90†	...	2.53
-do- Acc	147.40	156.80†	...	2.53
UK Growth Acc	206.00	219.10†	-0.20	2.20
UK High Inc	130.70	139.00†	-0.20	6.83
-do- Acc	158.10	168.20†	-0.20	6.83
N America Acc	109.30	116.30	-0.80	0.33
European Acc	153.60	163.40	-0.80	0.43
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.21	62.80†	+0.11	9.00
-do- Acc	97.11	103.00†	+0.20	9.00
Intl Sp Sits Acc	48.30	51.38	-0.35	0.22
Environmntl Opp	70.71	75.22	-0.01	1.74

EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	109.30	116.10	-0.80	0.43
UK Smlr Cos	198.60	211.00†	+0.20	1.18
Eurofund	37.51	39.70	-0.01	1.01
Mngd Exempt	165.70	172.70	-2.10	3.04
Growth Inc	213.40	226.70	+1.40	3.75
High Dist	141.50	150.30†	+0.30	5.16
International	320.90	341.00	-1.30	0.95
Intl Income	80.49	85.92	+0.10	3.03
Pacific	59.48	63.20	+0.53	0.47
Smlr Jap Cos	77.30	82.13	+0.10	...
Tokyo	216.10	229.60	+0.20	...
Japan Exempt	126.30	129.70	+4.80	0.39
Sm Jap Exempt	626.10	643.30	+15.70	0.08
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	...	...	...	...
Australia	6.667	7.070	-0.061	1.11
Equity	187.30	199.00	+0.90	3.52
Euro Spec Sits	140.00	148.30	-0.20	0.55
Financial	40.02	42.52	+0.09	2.82
Global Opps Inc	88.66	94.20	-0.53	2.13
-do- Acc	91.90	97.64	-0.56	2.13
Gold Gen Inc	48.27	51.28	-0.87	0.84
-do- Acc	92.66	98.45	-1.65	0.84
Income	120.10	127.60†	+0.40	3.84
Japan General	166.60	177.00	+0.30	...
Preference	21.64	22.99†	...	7.91
UK Capital	103.30	109.80	+0.80	3.07
Worldwide Cap	197.20	209.50	+0.30	3.06
World Income	84.30	89.57	-0.03	3.32

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance	175.70	186.90	...	1.07

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
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0296 431480

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pelican	104.82	110.34	+0.76	3.15
High Income	119.67	125.97†	+0.82	4.76
Tst of Inv Tsts	145.78	153.45	+0.32	1.97
Special Sits	86.20	90.74	+0.37	2.49
North American	101.98	107.35	+0.07	0.83
Far Eastern	252.97	266.28	+2.45	1.46
Intl Growth	94.99	99.99	+0.31	1.39
European	63.22	66.55†	+0.31	2.18
Smaller Cos	69.79	73.46†	+0.19	2.22

FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE
0273 220 707

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
United Charities	217.60	231.40†	...	3.31

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.40
European Tst	119.10	126.70	-0.60	...
High Income	25.03	26.34†	+0.09	5.72

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	91.92	97.28	+0.32	0.85
Far Eastern	142.40	152.20	+0.80	...
Ocean Income	87.12	93.18†	+0.08	2.50
UK Growth	94.06	100.60	...	0.95
UK Income	100.20	107.20†	+0.70	3.41
US Smaller Cos	244.50	261.50	-1.60	...

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Gth	47.82	50.81	-0.37	...
-do- Acc	47.82	50.81	-0.37	...
Am Smllr Co	416.00	444.80	-5.00	...
-do- Acc	425.00	454.40	-5.10	...
Capital	289.60	308.00	+0.20	2.05
-do- Acc	403.30	428.90	+0.30	2.05
Contl Smllr Cos	47.67	51.27	-0.21	0.85
-do- Acc	49.82	53.58	-0.22	0.85
Convertible	116.50	123.80	+0.40	5.87
-do- Acc	215.60	229.10	+0.60	5.87
Emg Mark	51.45	54.96	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	51.45	54.96	+0.40	...
European	95.80	102.30†	-0.40	0.95
-do- Acc	99.65	106.40†	-0.40	0.95
Extra Income	293.60	312.30	+1.20	4.03
-do- Acc	411.10	437.20	+1.70	4.03
Financial	102.00	109.70†	-0.50	0.69
-do- Acc	106.70	114.80†	-0.50	0.69
Gilt Gth Tst	60.96	62.45	+0.37	6.89
-do- Acc	78.26	80.70	+0.48	6.89
Health Fund Inc	116.60	124.50	-1.00	...
-do- Acc	116.60	124.50	-1.00	...
Income Tst	177.00	188.20†	+0.50	3.89
-do- Acc	250.80	266.70†	+1.20	3.89
Intl Growth	314.30	335.70	-1.70	...
-do- Acc	348.90	372.80	-1.90	...
Japan Gen	187.20	199.60	...	...
-do- Acc	189.10	201.60	...	...
Mngd P folio Inc	90.44	95.19	+0.05	0.91
-do- Acc	95.10	100.10	+0.10	0.91
Monthly Income	151.40	161.00	+0.70	3.97
Qrtly Inc	48.72	51.82†	+0.15	5.90
-do- Acc	48.84	51.95†	+0.16	5.90
Recovery	294.10	314.50	-0.80	0.60
-do- Acc	344.40	368.30	-1.00	0.60
UK Growth	46.79	49.99	+0.16	2.58
-do- Acc	46.79	49.99	+0.16	2.58

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH
Dealing: 0722 411411
Administration: 0722 411622

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	344.27	366.24†	-0.15	2.85
-do- Acc	702.98	747.88†	-1.06	2.85
Euro Gth Dist	106.06	112.83	-0.96	0.96
-do- Acc	109.23	116.20	-1.00	0.96
Fixed Int Dist	127.83	135.21†	+0.31	6.48
-do- Acc	217.48	230.04†	+0.54	6.48
Intl Gth Dist	77.43	82.37†	-0.82	0.73
-do- Acc	80.37	85.50†	-0.02	0.73
Nth Amer Dist	164.48	174.24	-0.94	0.84
-do- Acc	178.38	188.96	-1.01	0.84
Pac Basin Dist	254.90	271.17	-1.45	0.08
-do- Acc	258.83	275.45	+1.48	0.08
Stewardship Dist	301.33	320.58†	-0.12	1.74
-do- Acc	358.63	381.52†	-0.82	1.74
Stwd Inc Dist	64.42	68.53†	+0.03	3.19
-do- Acc	79.69	84.78†	+0.22	3.19
N Am Stwd Dist	96.54	102.70	-1.43	...
-do- Acc	102.12	108.64	-1.52	...

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Am Sp Sits	139.20	148.90	-0.30	...
European	407.00	431.90	+0.70	0.98
Far East General	231.20	247.30	+0.50	...
Germany	96.88	102.70	-0.10	0.44
Global Assets in	68.37	73.01†	+0.24	2.21
Global Assets Ac	72.39	77.20	+0.25	2.16
Income Inc	122.60	131.20	+0.80	6.71
International	269.60	288.30	-0.40	0.97
Intl Income	74.71	79.57†	-0.06	5.01
Japan General	383.60	407.90	+0.50	...
Smllr Cos Div	47.08	50.55	+0.10	6.03
UK Capital Inc	168.60	180.40	+1.00	3.83
-do- Acc	298.30	308.40	+1.60	3.64
Uk Spec Sits	76.03	81.32	-0.04	1.96
US General	113.80	121.30†	-1.20	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	116.10	123.90	-0.50	0.11

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212
Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	43.95	47.00	+0.16	1.53
Cash Trust*	128.87	128.87†	...	5.47
Pract Inv Inc	102.72	110.16	-0.19	4.11
-do- Acc	220.51	236.47	-0.44	4.11
UK Smaller Cos	103.99	111.52	-0.13	0.91
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.57	27.35	+0.01	7.93
High Inc	31.50	33.69†	+0.19	4.93
UK Equity Inc	127.49	136.35	+0.72	3.95
Global Bond	29.47	30.54	+0.02	4.72
International Funds				
Gold Intl	82.70	88.69†	-1.49	0.65
Frontier Markets	41.19	44.17	+0.03	0.50
Global Inc Gth	117.89	125.86	...	1.80
UK Intl	113.49	121.38	+0.12	0.25
Overseas Funds				
American	125.12	133.58†	-1.46	0.51
European	81.56	86.51	-0.11	0.61
Euro Sel Opps	94.32	100.50	+0.59	4.65
American Emerg	78.68	84.38	-0.90	...
Hong Kong	118.34	126.91	...	1.83
Japan	237.84	252.68	...	...
Pacific Growth	159.45	170.99†	...	0.38

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979
Dealing: 071 588 0526

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	129.31	138.30	-0.01	0.37
American Gth	123.17	131.74	-1.39	...
European Gth	66.71	71.34	-0.42	0.42
Japan Gth	83.27	89.06	-0.17	...
Pacific Inc	147.30	157.54	+0.35	2.85
Pacific Strategy	126.93	135.76	+0.32	0.25
UK Prog Inc	70.61	74.40†	+0.21	4.61
Gt British Cos	46.83	49.48†	+0.01	2.70
UK Small Cos	44.92	48.04	-0.01	2.12

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE
071 538 9668

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	131.20	131.20	...	5.23
Gilt Fixed	118.60	125.90	+0.30	6.21
Growth Equity	284.80	304.20†	+0.60	2.18
Guardhill	424.40	453.40	+1.00	2.22
Income Trust	110.00	117.50	+0.50	3.08
International	157.40	168.10	-0.80	0.36
Japan Trust	130.10	138.90	-0.10	...
Nth American	247.60	264.50	+1.40	0.49
Pacific	371.50	396.90	+0.30	0.02
European	339.30	362.50†	+1.80	0.74

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW
0800 838868

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Adv Inc	35.13	37.24	...	1.70
-do- Acc	36.76	38.97	...	1.70
Inc Adv Inc	29.18	30.94†	+0.10	4.03
-do- Acc	30.62	32.46	+0.10	4.03

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 690390

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Canadian	78.26	83.84	-0.97	0.92
Equity Income	110.90	118.00†	...	3.49
European	130.00	137.50	-0.70	1.15
Intl Situation	74.89	79.67	-0.05	...
Japanese	151.40	160.60	...	...
North American	96.14	102.00†	-0.10	...
Scandinavian	112.10	118.40	-1.20	...
Smaller Cos	31.12	33.11	+0.06	1.93

HENDERSON
PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET
Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Smaller	87.43	93.46	-1.37	...
Asian Enterprise	133.17	144.08	+0.16	0.49
Australian	131.17	140.22	-1.94	1.28
European	369.24	390.70†	-0.99	1.06
European Inc	70.73	74.79	+0.18	2.81
Euro Smll Co	119.77	127.86	-0.25	0.59
Extra Income	256.32	272.87†	+1.21	4.88
Family of Funds	70.64	75.43	+0.20	1.26
Fixed Interest	54.59	58.37†	+0.08	8.03
Global Resour	102.81	110.36	-0.01	0.70
High Inc	288.03	307.90†	+1.70	4.31
Income Gth	233.47	248.64†	+1.44	3.82
-do- Acc	603.36	642.59†	+3.70	3.82
International	229.18	244.55	-0.42	0.93
Japan Spc Sit	254.77	271.21	-0.14	...
Japan	219.48	233.44	-0.22	...
N Amer	214.79	228.49	-2.10	0.18
Pacific Smllr Cos	197.73	213.07	+0.96	0.30
Pref Gilt	45.84	49.50†	+0.18	8.48
Smaller Cos Div	167.58	182.66†	+0.53	4.05
Special Sits	260.71	278.95	+1.05	1.61
-do- Acc	401.72	429.84	+1.65	1.61
Best of British	55.01	58.88†	+0.23	2.60
Spirit of the East	62.07	66.54	+0.04	0.52
Henderson TR				
Dealing 071 410 4029				
American Gth	78.80	84.27	-0.79	...
Euro Spec Sits	45.51	48.48	-0.22	...
-do- Acc	48.19	51.33	-0.23	...
Far East Opps	33.05	35.64†	+0.18	...
-do- Acc	33.96	36.62	+0.18	...
General Growth	97.86	104.76	+0.45	2.02
Global Tech	120.86	131.08†	-1.10	...
Income Growth	102.47	110.14	+0.37	3.40
Income Monthly	57.04	61.00	+0.29	4.24
Japan Growth	87.45	93.11†	-0.16	...
Overseas Gth	76.10	80.90†	-0.17	...
Smaller Cos	74.73	80.35	+0.13	1.53
Special Opps	103.69	111.49	-0.13	2.09
Wld Spec Sits	48.77	52.27	-0.26	...
-do- Acc	48.88	52.39	-0.26	...

HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	86.58	92.59†	+1.25	2.33
Capital	155.50	166.30	+1.90	1.96
Dollar	301.00	321.90	-2.40	0.09
European	197.60	211.30	...	0.64
Far East	239.00	255.60	+0.10	0.42
Financial	690.60	738.60	+2.30	2.43
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.42	26.41	+0.05	7.99
High Yield	99.40	106.30†	+0.40	4.64
Income	132.40	141.60†	+0.80	3.67
Intl	215.20	230.10	-0.70	0.27
Japan Tech	76.03	81.13	-0.56	0.67
Nat Resources	58.10	62.13	-0.56	0.67
Security	293.00	313.30	+2.00	2.06
Smaller Cos	112.60	120.40	+2.50	1.36
Special Sits	136.60	146.00	+0.60	1.76
US Smaller Cos	64.13	68.58†	-1.15	...

INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR
071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	25.14	27.51	+0.04	1.51
Special Features	26.90	28.58	+0.13	1.63
-do- Acc	31.76	33.74	+0.15	1.63
General Funds				
UK Growth	52.94	56.61†	+0.31	1.89
Assets Earnings	70.35	74.74	+0.59	1.60
do Acc	82.68	87.84	+0.70	1.60
Managed Invest	87.99	93.97	+0.09	1.17
Super Children	74.63	79.57	-0.53	1.82
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.66	50.66	+0.01	4.35
Extra Inc	78.87	84.39	+0.44	4.82
Gilt	27.73	29.22	+0.11	6.79
Income Gth	38.40	41.02†	+0.25	3.43
MIMstar	75.20	76.86	+0.06	7.99
Preference	17.52	19.22†	+0.04	6.23
UK Income	305.30	326.20	+1.50	2.94
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fixed Sec	56.42	59.94†	+0.12	1.26
Property Shares	65.13	70.07	-0.02	1.69
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	143.40	150.70†	+1.50	3.71
European Acc	111.00	117.50	+0.80	1.78
European Dist	105.60	111.90	+0.80	1.78
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	47.98	51.04	-0.58	0.92
European Perf	109.20	115.90	+0.70	1.04
-do- Acc	111.30	118.10	+0.80	1.04
Euro Small Cos	21.02	22.36	-0.04	0.75
French Growth	64.93	69.08	...	0.53
-do- Acc	69.36	73.80	...	0.53
Hong K/China	73.52	79.06	+0.21	1.57
Intl Growth	51.95	55.19	+0.03	0.63
-do- Acc	51.95	55.19	+0.03	0.63
Japan Perf	36.90	39.20†	-0.01	...
Accum Units	36.90	39.20†	-0.01	...
Japan Smllr Cos	39.33	41.83	+0.05	...
Singapore Asean	81.72	88.42	+0.15	0.28
-do- Acc	82.23	88.97	+0.15	0.28
South East Asia	239.20	258.10	+2.00	0.92
US Smllr Cos	101.50	107.80	-0.80	...
-do- Acc	102.60	109.00	-0.80	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	83.61	89.08†	-0.07	2.19
Intl Bond	56.89	57.65	-0.10	6.31

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3
071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.50	69.64†	+0.01	5.08
Extra Income	50.33	53.76†	+0.28	7.18
Gilt Yield	116.40	122.90†	+0.60	7.35
Global Income	198.00	210.60†	+2.41	4.16
High Yield	133.90	142.40	+2.51	5.81
Smllr Cos Div	47.69	50.73†	+0.14	4.14
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	86.95	92.50	-0.86	...
North American	73.67	78.37	-0.45	0.41
European	130.50	138.80	+0.30	0.84
Euro Special	77.55	82.50	+0.19	0.93
General	260.80	277.40	+2.30	3.22
Japan	456.60	485.70†	-0.60	...
Japanese Special	255.00	271.30	+0.40	...
Master Acc	214.40	228.10	+0.30	1.35
Pacific	271.20	288.50	-0.40	0.56
Smaller Cos	97.89	104.10†	-0.25	1.61
UK Equity Gth	35.95	38.24	+0.16	1.70

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB
031 550 5151

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	72.79	77.44	-0.35	1.09
Extra Income	23.89	25.41	+0.25	3.30
Far East	27.93	29.71	+0.06	0.87
Income Gwth	71.68	76.26	...	2.81
Intl Growth	51.56	54.85	-0.03	0.68
Japan	67.64	71.96	-0.02	...
Maximum Dist*	100.00	102.00†	+0.10	6.91
N Amer Equity	37.27	39.65†	-0.28	0.26
UK Equity	85.50	90.96†	+0.02	2.99

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Gth Inc	53.21	56.61	+0.37	4.42

LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex
Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	420.70	447.50	+1.80	2.89
Equity Acc	798.50	849.30	+3.40	2.89
Equity Income	90.82	96.62	+0.57	5.11
European	94.88	100.90	-0.10	1.69
Far Eastern	188.80	200.90	+0.80	0.29
Fixed Interest	51.07	54.33†	-0.06	6.42
Gilt	89.38	94.78	+0.22	6.49
Global Growth	66.23	70.46†	-0.06	0.74
Intl Bond	56.04	59.62	-0.03	4.76
Japanese	74.81	79.59	...	...
Overseas Equity	95.53	101.60†	-0.10	0.78
Pacific Gth	87.10	92.66	+0.36	1.21

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF
0634 834313

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	308.50	328.20†	+0.40	2.87
-do- Acc	677.50	720.80	+0.90	2.87
Contl Euro Gth	50.06	52.70	-0.16	1.50
-do- Acc	52.91	55.73	-0.16	1.50
Extra Inc	235.70	250.80	+4.30	3.81
-do- Acc	582.90	620.20	+10.80	3.81
German Gth	100.20	105.50	-0.50	0.27
-do- Acc	105.10	110.70	-0.50	0.27
Growth Port	485.80	516.90	...	0.72
-do- Acc	485.80	516.90	...	0.72
Income	444.00	472.40	+7.20	3.54
-do- Acc	1139.0	1212.0	+18.00	3.54
Income Port	483.80	514.70	+1.00	4.17
-do- Acc	488.50	519.70	+1.00	4.17
Japan Growth	102.10	108.70	-0.10	0.01
-do- Acc	102.50	109.10	...	0.01
Master Trust	51.58	54.88	-0.01	1.46
-do- Acc	56.10	59.69	-0.01	1.46
N American Gen	177.20	188.60	-3.50	0.01
-do- Acc	204.60	217.70	-4.20	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	134.50	143.10	-4.70	0.01
-do- Acc	137.20	146.00	-4.90	0.01
Pacific Basin	204.30	217.40	+0.10	0.55
-do- Acc	215.90	229.70	+0.20	0.55
Small Cos Rec	304.40	320.50†	-0.70	2.26
-do- Acc	396.40	417.30	-0.90	2.26
UK Growth	77.91	82.89	...	2.32
-do- Acc	90.85	96.65	...	2.32
Worldwide Gth	276.90	294.60†	-0.80	0.19
-do- Acc	408.30	434.40	-1.20	0.19

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS
0392 282673

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	76.43	82.01†	+0.10	2.80
Income	59.48	63.82	+0.22	5.40
International	56.95	61.10†	-0.18	0.70
American	58.27	62.52	-0.49	0.30
Japan	56.81	60.95	-0.11	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	55.80	59.87	+0.11	1.90

M & G SECURITIES LTD
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB
Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gen	377.00	398.90	-3.90	0.89
-do- Acc	466.30	492.30	-4.70	0.89
American Rec	405.50	428.80†	-6.00	0.21
-do- Acc	464.60	491.30	-8.00	0.21
Am Sm Co Acc	115.90	122.60	-1.50	...
Australia Acc	151.90	160.60	-1.20	1.17
Capital	657.50	695.30	+0.50	2.53
-do- Acc	725.90	767.20	+0.50	2.53
Commodity Acc	426.30	450.70	-2.50	0.80
Compnd Gth	809.50	856.00	-0.70	2.94
Dividend	34.70	36.70†	...	4.34
-do- Acc	137.40	145.50	+0.20	4.34
Equity Inc	299.70	316.90	+0.80	4.78
European Div	59.03	62.40	-0.30	4.36
-do- Acc	66.60	70.50	-0.30	4.36
European Gen	379.50	401.30	-2.60	1.46
-do- Acc	474.10	501.30	-3.30	1.46
Extra Yield	373.40	394.90	-0.30	4.43
-do- Acc	1091.8	1154.8	-0.80	4.43
Far Eastern	304.70	322.20	+3.20	0.66
-do- Acc	400.80	423.80	+2.90	0.66
Fund of Inv	496.80	525.40†	+0.90	2.20
-do- Acc	905.10	958.40	+1.70	2.20
General	53.20	56.30	+0.10	3.60
-do- Acc	140.00	148.30	+0.30	3.60
Gilt Fxd Int	60.60	60.60†	...	7.83
do Acc	152.40	152.50	+0.10	7.83
Gold	52.10	55.10	-1.40	0.90
-do- Acc	60.90	64.50	-1.60	0.90
High Inc	24.90	25.90†	+0.10	4.53
-do- Acc	92.80	98.00	+0.10	4.53
Intl Growth	68.10	72.00	-0.20	0.91
-do- Acc	117.30	124.10	-0.30	0.91
Intl Inc	92.40	97.70	-0.60	4.59
Japan Gen Acc	52.70	55.70	-0.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	158.50	167.50	-0.30	...
Midland	55.30	58.50	+0.20	3.25
-do- Acc	177.00	187.20	+0.40	3.25
Recovery	36.50	38.60	...	2.72
-do- Acc	57.30	60.70	...	2.72
Second Gen	61.20	64.70	+0.10	3.40
-do- Acc	149.60	158.30	+0.30	3.40
Smaller Cos	60.00	63.50	+0.20	3.10
-do- Acc	113.70	120.50	+0.40	3.10
Trustee	38.50	40.70	+0.10	3.85
Charibond 3	3109.61	...	-0.10	9.84
Charifund 2	625.40	631.70	+0.30	5.23
Pension ex 1	813.60	833.90	...	4.38
NAACIF Inc 3	345.02	...	+0.20	7.90
-do- Acc 3	1090.2	...	+3.00	7.90

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG
0244 680066

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inv Port Inc	135.90	145.30	+0.28	2.00
-do- Acc	150.90	161.40	+0.28	2.00
UK Income	112.70	120.10†	+0.89	2.66
-do- Acc	126.90	135.70†	+0.89	2.65

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Emerg Mkts	81.00	86.63	+0.10	0.78
Far East (Pacific)	140.00	148.60†	+0.10	0.62
Income Growth	69.94	74.34†	+0.09	3.14
European	65.97	70.03	-0.57	1.29
Nth American	54.81	58.18†	-0.62	1.04
UK Growth	75.30	79.93	-0.22	1.62
Intl Growth	94.77	100.60	-0.20	0.04
Charities	105.30	111.70†	...	3.81
Intl Income	66.43	70.51†	-0.24	4.23
Japan	55.42	58.83	-0.34	...

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	182.00	193.30	-1.60	...
-do- Acc	194.60	206.60	-1.70	...
Cash	100.70	100.70	...	5.58
-do- Acc	128.50	128.50	...	5.58
European Gth	190.00	201.70	-0.90	0.79
-do- Acc	203.40	215.80	-1.10	0.79
General	455.70	486.10	-0.10	2.49
-do- Acc	866.90	924.70	-0.10	2.49
Global Dist	129.80	136.50	+0.20	5.35
-do- Acc	145.20	152.60	+0.10	5.35
Income	134.90	143.90†	+0.40	4.74
-do- Acc	199.00	212.30†	+0.70	4.74
International	381.50	406.40†	...	0.69
-do- Acc	507.10	540.50†	+0.10	0.69
Japan	193.80	205.50	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	198.50	211.00	-0.10	...
New Europe	137.60	146.80	-0.10	1.77
-do- Acc	139.80	149.20	-0.10	1.77
Recovery	289.80	309.20†	-0.30	2.92
-do- Acc	366.40	390.90†	-0.40	2.92
European Inc	72.88	77.66	-0.21	3.14
-do- Acc	92.45	98.53	-0.26	3.14
Brit Blue Chip	70.97	75.63	+0.09	3.33
-do- Acc	83.70	89.20	+0.11	3.33
Portfolio	72.97	77.64	+0.09	2.92
-do- Acc	82.97	88.29	+0.11	2.92
Gold General	118.80	127.80	-2.40	0.73
-do- Acc	120.50	129.60	-2.50	0.73
Pacific	94.12	100.40	+1.45	0.83
-do- Acc	99.46	106.10	-1.50	0.83
UK Smaller Cos	52.52	56.03	-0.10	1.94
-do- Acc	58.62	62.53	-0.11	1.94

MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD
Dealing: 0742 528 200
Enquiries: 0742 529 076

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Dist	56.87	60.61	+0.10	2.91
-do- Acc	57.54	61.54	+0.10	2.91
British Dist	75.88	81.16	+0.43	2.06
-do- Acc	85.90	91.87	+0.49	2.06
European Gth	167.00	178.40†	+0.60	0.49
-do- Acc	209.70	224.00	+0.80	0.49
Extra High Inc	67.82	72.54	+0.22	6.13
-do- Acc	119.30	127.60	+0.40	6.13
FT-SE 100 Index	47.98	51.25	+0.20	2.73
-do- Acc	47.92	51.25	+0.20	2.73
Gilt Fixed Int	54.98	57.23†	+0.12	6.88
-do- Acc	146.70	152.70	+0.30	6.88
High Yield	214.00	228.90†	+0.90	4.80
-do- Acc	502.60	537.50	+2.10	4.80
Income	276.50	295.70	+1.70	3.38
-do- Acc	574.80	614.80	+3.70	3.38
Japan Gth	356.30	381.10	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	376.00	402.10	+0.30	...
Mandarin Acc	98.55	105.40	+0.60	0.69
North American	160.30	171.40†	-0.80	0.44
-do- Acc	203.30	216.40	-0.80	0.44

MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT
Dealing: 071 826 0826
Enquiries: 071 826 0123

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	256.00	272.50	-3.70	...
Deposit Inc	99.90	99.90†	-0.01	5.47
Deposit Acc	122.56	122.56	-0.01	5.47
Euro Gth Acc	275.30	284.50†	-1.40	...
Europa	122.20	131.00	-0.80	...
Intl Gth	170.50	182.10†	-0.80	...
Japan Tracker	80.40	85.19†	+0.05	...
UK Equity Inc	145.10	156.20†	+0.30	4.20
-do- Acc	177.90	191.50†	+0.30	4.20
UK Ind Tracker	141.00	151.00	...	3.20
US Eq Ind Trkr	187.00	198.30	-1.60	1.46
-do- Acc	197.80	209.80	-1.70	1.46
Asian Trader	161.70	175.10†	-1.40	0.46

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Inc	162.30	166.10	-1.10	2.50
European	60.33	61.62	-0.48	1.63
Olympiad	54.80	56.19	-0.12	0.31
Global Bond	46.60	47.12†	+0.08	6.73
Smaller Cos	66.32	69.25†	-0.21	0.91
Equity Income	89.82	92.32†	+0.06	5.23
UK Growth	80.83	83.18	-0.12	2.10

NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
The Billet Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222
Dealing: 0705 387738

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Acc	45.28	48.29	-0.26	1.01
Australian Acc	281.70	302.20	-2.50	...
Conscience	63.10	67.34†	+1.18	1.05
-do- Acc	68.10	72.67	+1.24	1.05
European	165.50	176.50	+0.10	1.10
-do- Acc	178	189.80	...	1.10
Extra Income	71.28	76.07	+0.25	5.83
-do- Acc	108.60	115.80	+0.30	5.83
Far East Gth	169.50	181.10	...	0.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.72	61.10	+0.28	6.35
Gold	41.92	45.07	-0.96	...
-do- Acc	45.15	48.54	-1.02	...
Income	50.87	54.26†	+0.20	5.18
-do- Acc	155.70	166	+0.80	5.18
International	29.55	31.70	-0.01	1.04
-do- Acc	42.45	45.54	-0.02	1.04
Jap Sm Cos Acc	359.40	383.30	-0.30	...
S pore Mly Acc	189.90	203.60	-0.10	...
Smllr Cos Acc	25.26	27.16†	+0.37	2.03
Special Sits	32.14	34.55	+0.15	1.79
-do- Acc	37.01	39.79	+0.17	1.79
Tokyo	89.64	95.61	+0.05	...
-do- Acc	90.55	96.58	+0.06	...

N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF
061 237 5322

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
N&P UK Growth	67.08	71.37	+0.34	2.76
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	73.23	77.50	-0.43	6.69
N&P Higher Inc	196.50	207.00	+0.80	4.50
N&P UK Income	98.93	105.25†	+0.50	3.91
N&P Intl	86.09	91.59†	+0.33	1.58
N&P Smaller Cos	76.77	81.68	-0.10	1.46

NEWTON FUND MANAGERS
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA
071 407 4404

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	160.64	170.90	-0.03	2.33
Global	279.65	297.51	-0.78	1.14
Growth	106.22	113.01	-0.17	2.55
Income	197.57	210.19	+0.98	4.40
Intl Bond	124.64	132.36	+0.32	6.49

PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR
0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	134.70	141.70†	-0.40	2.61
-do- Acc	238.60	251.20	-0.50	2.61
Income	214.80	228.50	+0.20	3.61
Intl Equity	221.80	235.90	-0.50	0.87
-do- Acc	242.80	258.30	-0.60	0.87
Equity	211.50	224.90†	-0.20	2.49
-do- Acc	434.10	461.70	-0.40	2.49
UK Ind 25 Acc	68.92	72.57	-0.12	1.98
UK Income	59.57	63.37	+0.06	3.10
UK Smllr Co Acc	73.60	78.29	+0.13	1.43
New Europe Acc	60.12	63.95	-0.24	1.38

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames
0491 417000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Asian Smllr Mkt	96.17	102.80	+1.90	0.24
PEP Gilt Inc	100.61	107.61	+0.17	1.22
Intl Gth	487.70	521.61	-4.26	0.78
Income	298.10	315.72	+1.90	3.44
W wide Recov	310.64	332.24	+1.75	0.31
American Gth	200.13	214.05	+0.38	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	187.03	200.04	+0.98	0.11
Far East Gth	222.31	237.77	+1.20	0.09
European Gth	110.47	118.15	-0.05	1.31
UK Growth	75.55	80.81	-0.50	3.00
High Income	82.67	88.42	-0.20	4.53
Japanese Gth	228.79	243.37	+0.40	0.01

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
International	172.80	183.90	+0.60	0.85
High Income	107.00	113.80	+0.30	3.75
Conv Gilt	108.40	115.30†	+0.20	6.21
Far East	316.70	337.00	+1.00	0.27
Global Inc Acc	30.82	32.78	-0.05	3.18

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	49.81	52.99	-0.51	0.21
Emerging Mkts	62.75	66.76	-0.25	0.57
General	46.47	49.44†	+0.30	3.25
International	83.79	89.14	-0.06	1.36
Gilt Units	25.10	25.88†	+0.13	7.45
Global PEP	34.80	37.02	-0.06	2.09
Income Gth	64.46	68.57†	-0.58	4.78
European	41.75	44.41	-0.04	0.68
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.08	26.65†	-0.07	5.86

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL
081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490
Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314
Pricebank: 0426 925091

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pru Mngd Tst	31.13	33.29	+0.02	1.78
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.15	101.15†	+0.01	5.20
-do- Acc	105.27	105.27†	+0.01	5.20
Pru Equity	644.22	689.00	+2.75	2.51
Pru Equity Inc	76.64	81.96†	+0.26	4.69
Pru European	169.75	181.55†	-0.09	1.43
Pru Global Gth	78.87	84.35	+0.15	1.27
Pru High Inc	82.19	87.90†	+0.43	5.02
Pru Intl	161.33	172.54	+0.07	0.99
Pru Intl Sm Co	69.28	74.09	-0.17	0.64
Pru Japanese	209.29	223.83	-0.30	...
Pru Nth Amer	138.60	148.23†	-0.86	0.84
Pru Pacific Mkt	77.13	82.49	+0.12	1.48
Pru Prefnr Inc	48.59	50.60	+0.08	7.56
Pru Smllr Cos	81.17	86.81†	-0.07	1.99
Pru Spec Sits	96.87	103.60	+0.43	2.33
Pru UK Growth	108.03	115.54	+0.53	2.34

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR
Dealing: 071 634 2981M

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
NC Income	149.91	161.51†	-0.72	3.64
NC Japan	287.38	307.92	-0.25	...
NC Maj UK Cos	90.11	96.91†	-0.02	2.55
NC America Inc	466.83	500.63	-3.84	0.76
-do- Acc	542.22	581.48	-4.46	0.76
NC Smlr UK Cos	264.70	288.77	+0.49	1.51
NC European	249.51	266.40	-1.26	1.40

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	71.13	75.66†	-0.36	3.73
Capital Units	142.00	151.00†	-0.50	1.30
Commodity	104.30	110.90	-2.40	1.18
European Gth	150.30	159.80	-1.30	1.33
Financial Sec	167.30	177.90†	-0.30	1.89
High Return	210.90	224.30	...	4.47
High Yield	200.20	212.90	...	4.10
Income Units	107.10	113.90	+0.30	5.03
Investment	174.90	186.10	+1.60	1.11
Japan Gth	162.30	172.60	-0.70	...
Japan Smaller	198.00	210.60†	-0.80	...
Masterfund	46.32	49.25†	-0.07	1.39
Scotbits	244.80	260.40	-0.80	1.58
Scotshares	256.20	272.50†	+1.20	2.26
Scotyields	218.60	232.50	+0.30	3.98
Select Intl	128.10	136.20	-1.50	0.73
Smaller Cos	227.40	241.90	+1.10	3.98
Special Situation	109.70	116.70†	-0.10	0.83
UK Equity	220.40	234.40	-0.20	2.71
US Growth	135.00	143.60	-1.60	0.39

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	231.00	246.40†	+0.62	0.50
-do- Acc	250.25	266.92	+0.67	0.50
Australian	122.38	130.53	-0.70	0.92
-do- Acc	143.87	153.46	-0.82	0.92
UK Enterprise	209.93	223.92	+1.98	2.37
-do- Acc	242.51	258.67	+2.25	2.37
European Gth	60.20	64.00†	+0.15	1.51
-do- Acc	62.53	66.47	+0.13	1.51
Euro Smllr Cos	55.55	59.19†	+0.05	0.43
-do- Acc	55.93	59.59	+0.04	0.43
Far Eastern Gth	73.84	78.76	+0.57	...
-do- Acc	75.04	80.04	+0.59	...
Fixed Interest	52.53	55.38	+0.12	6.98
-do- Acc	63.79	67.26	+0.15	6.98
Gilt Income	101.90	107.38	+0.53	7.65
-do- Acc	142.32	149.97	+0.74	7.65
Income	312.89	333.74	+2.34	3.90
-do- Acc	922.91	984.45	+6.91	3.90
Japan Enterprise	72.10	76.90	+0.05	...
-do- Acc	72.10	76.90	+0.05	...
Japan Smllr Cos	504.43	538.05	+0.63	...
-do- Acc	505.44	539.12	+0.63	...
Pacific Gth	95.98	102.37	-0.89	0.07
-do- Acc	98.82	105.41	-0.92	0.07
Smaller Cos	186.78	199.23†	+0.44	0.90
-do- Acc	215.83	230.22	+0.51	0.90
Tokyo	112.23	119.71	+0.17	...
-do- Acc	113.37	120.92	+0.18	...
UK Equity	208.10	221.97	+1.15	2.65
-do- Acc	385.38	411.07	+2.13	2.65
US Smllr Cos	131.68	140.45†	...	...
-do- Acc	131.68	140.45	...	...
World Fd	70.12	74.79	+0.27	1.46
-do- Acc	73.83	78.85	+0.28	1.46

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD.
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ
041 284 2200

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Income	45.99	48.98	+0.38	3.50
Equity Strategy	63.65	67.79	+0.11	1.13
European Opps	70.26	74.83	-0.37	3.22
Maximum Inc	99.13	101.69	+0.01	5.46
UK Smaller Cos	52.61	56.03	+0.19	3.21

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	339.50	362.90	+1.60	2.78
American	236.30	250.80	-0.80	0.95
Pacific	341.20	364.90	+0.90	0.59
European	445.80	476.80	-0.10	1.24
Worldwide	79.41	84.93	+0.02	1.08

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN
041 248 6100

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	297.90	317.00†	+0.30	2.61
UK Sm Cos Eqty	[illegible]	210.[illegible]	[illegible]	1.69
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
North American	245.[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.90	[illegible]
Income Plus Inc	64.99	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Spec Sits	65.87	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA
031 558 2341/2/3

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth Acc	25.18	26.95	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Growth Acc	29.45	31.52	[illegible]	[illegible]
Market Ldrs Acc	25.70	27.51	[illegible]	[illegible]

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SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	107.10	...	+0.31	...
Global Bond	199.40	...	+0.14	7.50
Japan Samurai	101.50	...	+0.10	...
UK Growth	96.55	...	-0.19	4.10

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ
0800 393777

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed	43.70	46.50	+0.10	1.70
Equity Gth Acc	91.35	[illegible]	+0.10	1.41
UK Eq General	41.20	43.78		2.30
-do- Acc	54.47	57.88		2.30
European Acc	41.04	43.61	+0.10	1.29
Far East Acc	56.57	60.11	+0.30	0.11
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.82	31.54	...	6.73
N American Acc	42.22	44.86	-0.10	0.75
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	279.50	300.30	+0.30	1.45
UK Eq High Inc	34.77	36.95	+0.10	3.85
-do- Acc	41.29	43.88	+0.10	3.88
UK Lgr Cos Inc	284.50	308.70	+0.10	1.85
UK Lgr Cos Acc	370.40	401.90	+0.10	1.85

STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global A	N283.69	N283.92	+0.016	1.20
US Eq	$2.054	$2.181	-0.056	0.80
Far East Eq	Y246.5	Y261.8	+0.60	...
Japan Eq	Y250.3	Y265.9	+0.50	
FT Europe	111.70	116.60	+1.00	2.19
FT North Am	$1.704	$1.806	-0.032	1.09
FT Japan	Y245.2	Y260.5	+1.30	
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.925	$2.044	-0.019	1.69

STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh
031 226 3271

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	336.90	348.60	-3.40	0.32
British	926.90	980.70	+5.60	4.18
European	389.90	414.30	-0.40	1.40
Japan	151.70	161.10	-0.10	...
New Pacific	292.80	311.80†	+1.40	1.29
Mngd Cash	96.02	96.02	...	5.00
Majority Stlg	100.21	101.21	...	4.76
Inv Tst	187.50	198.80	+0.90	1.81
Select PPP	360.80	374.80	...	

SUN ALLIANCE
Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex
0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Acc	714.40	764.10	+3.80	3.16
N America Acc	112.10	119.90	-1.00	0.23
Far East Acc	124.00	133.30	+0.50	...
W wide Bond	60.21	63.92	+0.09	4.90
European	82.05	87.75	-0.18	0.72
Equity Income	80.68	86.29†	+0.52	4.27

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ
Dealing: 0254 841414

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	33.23	35.55	-0.35	0.73
Managed Assets	117.08	125.22	-0.05	3.37
UK Income	35.76	38.25†	+0.10	3.01
UK Growth	35.78	38.27	...	2.41
Worldwide Gth	30.82	32.97†	-0.08	0.38

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE
0264 346794

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	198.85	211.22	-1.63	0.14
-do- Acc	218.07	231.99	-1.79	0.14
British Gth	83.85	89.20	+0.08	1.87
-do- Acc	98.65	104.95	+0.10	1.87
European	92.24	98.13	-0.51	0.88
-do- Acc	97.29	103.50	-0.54	0.88
Extra Inc	184.23	195.99	+2.45	3.84
-do- Acc	293.90	312.66	+3.92	3.84
General Unit	259.21	275.78	+1.30	2.47
-do- Acc	511.52	544.17	+2.56	2.47
Income	314.52	334.60†	+1.43	3.96
-do- Acc	653.61	695.33†	+2.97	3.96
International	478.93	509.50†	-1.10	0.44
-do- Acc	626.96	666.98†	-1.31	0.44
Pacific	342.18	364.02†	-0.53	...
-do- Acc	359.44	382.39†	-0.60	...
Premier Income	50.24	52.33	+0.16	6.15
-do- Acc	104.73	109.09	+0.33	6.15
Nat Resources	114.85	122.18	-3.08	0.24
-do- Acc	126.04	134.09	-3.38	0.24
Selected Opps	95.99	102.11	-0.36	1.13
-do- Acc	120.17	127.84	-0.45	1.13

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF
071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Sml Cos	76.01	81.07	-2.90	...
-do- Acc	78.39	83.61	-3.01	...
European Opps	60.23	64.12	+0.25	0.46
-do- Acc	60.86	64.78	+0.25	0.46
Far East Opps	155.29	165.64	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	158.91	169.50	+0.42	...
Japan	90.91	96.80	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	90.91	96.80	-0.10	...
Little Dragons	73.08	77.95	+0.81	0.64
-do- Acc	75.23	80.24	+0.84	0.64
Oriental Income	44.46	47.42	-0.01	3.35
-do- Acc	56.68	60.45	-0.02	3.35
Tiger	216.03	231.39	+1.20	1.14
-do- Acc	227.91	243.10	+1.26	1.14
UK Small Cos	75.20	80.42	...	1.98
-do- Acc	87.74	93.83	...	1.98

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ
031 225 1551

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Australasian Gold	16.24	17.27	-0.86	0.50
Pacific Basin	31.33	33.32	+0.17	0.60
Canadian Gth	36.23	38.54	+0.22	...
Global Bond	$0.952	$0.902	-0.000	7.30
Penny Share	25.66	27.29	+0.19	1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT
071 606 3132

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Reserve	52.81	52.81	...	5.40
Gilt Growth	65.71	68.37	+0.08	...
Gilt Income	51.64	53.74	+0.06	7.75
Short Dtd Gilt	106.60	108.00	...	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.712	$0.722	-0.000	...
Challenger	90.64	92.75	-0.04	...

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG
081 298 4000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Stockmarket Fd	67.65	71.96	+0.59	2.03

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	6,800	Carlton Cms	524	Legal & Gn	1,200	Scot & New	962
Abbey Natl	1,600	Coats Vly	1,500	Lloyds Bk	2,000	Scot Power	3,700
Alld-Lyons	1,600	Cm Union	687	MB Cardn	1,800	Sears	1,300
Anglian W	679	Courtaulds	2,900	Marks Spr	4,100	Svrn Trent	1,400
Argyll Gp	4,300	De La Rue	1,800	NFC	578	Shell Trans	5,200
Arjo Wiggn	2,100	Enterpr Oil	1,500	NatWst Bk	3,700	Siebe	707
AB Foods	113	Fisons	7,200	Nat Power	2,700	SmKl Bch	4,100
BAA	1,900	Forte	4,300	Nth Wst W	670	Smith Nph	4,200
BAT Inds	4,400	GRE	1,200	Nthrn Fds	3,700	Sthrn Elec	1,200
BOC	1,100	GUS A	761	P & O	2,400	Std Chartd	574
BP	3,500	Gen Acc	1,000	Pearson	1,500	Sun Allnce	993
BT	4,200	Gen Elec	7,000	PowerGen	3,500	Tl Gp	815
BTR	4,500	Glaxo	4,100	Prudential	3,400	TSB	3,200
Bk of Scot	1,700	Granada	3,400	RTZ	1,600	Tate & Lyle	2,200
Barclays	3,800	Grand Met	2,800	Rank Org	3,100	Tesco	10,000
Bass	1,700	Guinness	2,500	Reckitt Col	831	Thames W	1,200
Blue Circle	2,200	HSBC	2,200	Redland	1,800	Thrn EMI	1,300
Boots	3,000	Hanson	8,800	Reed Intl	1,200	Tomkins	5,300
Bowater	1,000	ICI	3,500	Rentokil	164	Unilever	1,600
Brit Airwys	6,500	Inchcape	1,000	Reuters	219	Utd Bisc	630
Brit Gas	5,000	Kingfisher	2,300	Rothmans	1,100	Vodafone	7,100
Brit Steel	14,000	Kwik Save	1,600	Ryl Ins	2,400	Wellcome	3,300
Burmah Cast	460	LASMO	7,600	Ryl Bk Scot	778	Whitbd 'A'	906
Cable Wire	1,900	Ladbroke	4,500	Sainsbury	2,300	Wllms Hld	2,100
Cadbury	1,100	Land Secs	1,100	Scot Hydro	3,400	Zeneca	8,200

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3525.21 (+14.67)
S&P Composite 447.06 (+2.35)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge Closed

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 7339.08 (+79.34)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 107.0 (+1.3)

Sydney: AO 1709.1 (-14.0)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1673.07 (+11.46)

FT 30 share: 2240.8 (+16.1)

Brussels:
General 6137.85 (+30.46)

Paris: CAC 520.55 (+3.73)

Zurich: SKA Gen 516.9 (+7.2)

London:
FT A All-Share 1417.63 (+9.75)
FT 500 1537.39 (+10.87)
FT Gold Mines 175.9 (-8.4)
FT Fixed Interest 110.99 (+0.05)
FT Govt Secs 95.32 (+0.30)
Bargains 28043
SEAQ Volume 691.2m
USM (Datastrm) 139.29 (-0.17)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
June 1	June 11	September 2	September 13

Call options were taken out on 9/6/93: Arcon Intl Res, Avesco, Br Aerospace, BTR 94 Wts, Chloride, Cliff Res, Union Discount, Waterford Stk Units.
Puts: Enterprise Comp, Kewill Systems, Lep, LBMS, Ramco Oil, Simon Engineering, Tullow Oil.

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon	500	50	62½	70½	5	12	18½
(*541)	550	16	32	41½	24½	32½	40½
Argyll	330	23	32½	37½	9	16	22
(*346½)	360	6½	18	23½	26½	32½	37½
ASDA	67	6½	9½	-	3	6	-
(*70)	76	2½	5	-	9	12	-
Boots	420	29	42	49	8	15	21
(*436½)	460	8	22	30	30	36	42
Br Airways	287	20½	31½	36½	8	14½	20
(*296)	316	7	17½	22	25	30½	35½
BP	300	20	27	33	7½	15	19
(*310½)	330	6	14	19½	24½	31	35
Br Steel	100	8	12	16	6	9	11
(*105)	110	4	7½	12	12	14	17
C & W	700	47	63	75	13	25	34½
(*742½)	750	17	35½	49	39	50½	60
CU	580	33	43	-	14	30	-
(*597½)	629	11	21	-	41	56	-
ICI	681	31	45	57	18	36½	46
(*695)	750	6	17½	27	66	82	88
Kingfshr	554	35½	51	-	11	23	-
(*604)	632	10	27	-	36½	48	-
Land Sec	550	50½	63½	69	3	10½	16½
(*592½)	600	15	31	37½	19	29	37
M & S	330	22	33	39	6	11	15½
(*343)	360	7	16½	24	21	25	30
Nat West	460	24	34	46½	15	25	34
(*466)	500	8	18	29	40	52½	57½
Sainsbury	460	47	60	68	5½	12	17
(*501)	500	19	35	44	17	26	34
Shell	600	40	49½	57½	5½	16½	22
(*627)	650	11½	21½	32½	29	42	47
Smkl Bch	420	26	40	50	16	27	35
(*429)	460	9	24	32½	37	50½	58
Storehse	200	15	23	28	7	10	14
(*212)	220	6½	14	18	18	23	27
Trafalgar	101	9½	14½	-	4½	7½	-
(*105)	110	5	10	13	9½	12½	16
Unilever	1000	58½	83	95½	11	23½	30½
(*1035½)	1050	24	52	67	31½	45	53½
Zeneca	600	35	50½	66	16½	39	49
(*617½)	650	14	29	41	46	69	77½

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Feb
Grnd Met	390	30	38½	43	7½	15½	26
(*414)	420	12½	22	33½	24	30½	41
Ladbroke	180	16	24½	29	7	16	21
(*189½)	200	7	15	20	18	28	32½
Utd Bisc	360	39	50	56	8½	14½	22
(*385)	390	21	33	41	21½	28½	37

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Jan
BAA	750	23½	44½	49	27	36½	43
(*753½)	800	6½	23	28	63½	68½	73
Thames W	460	23	33½	36½	11½	21	24
(*466½)	500	6	15	17½	37	44½	46½

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BAT Ind	425	24	33	42½	13	27	31
(*433)	450	12	22	30	29	43½	47
BTR	600	29	42	51	12½	25	29½
(*613)	650	7	18½	27½	43½	53½	57½
Br Aero	360	74	90½	102	8½	20	25
(*423)	390	53	72	81½	17	30	36½
Br Telcm	390	31	34½	37½	8	16	22
(*411)	420	14	19	22½	20½	31½	38
Cadbury	420	34½	45½	54	7	16½	21
(*445½)	460	14	24½	33½	28	35	41
Guinness	460	34	48	59	12½	23	28
(*478½)	500	14	28	38½	33½	44½	49½
GEC	300	33½	36½	40	4½	8	11
(*330)	330	11	18½	23	17	21	24½
Hanson	220	16½	21	24½	4½	8½	12½
(*230½)	240	6	11	15	14	19½	22½
LASMO	160	12	19	25	12	18	22
(*159½)	180	5½	12	18	25	31	34
Lucas	130	16	21½	23½	6½	13	16
(*138½)	140	9	15½	18	10	19	21½
Pilkingtn	130	13	17	20	6	12½	17
(*135½)	140	6	12	15	12	18	23
Prudential	300	29	35	40½	4½	11	13½
(*322)	330	10½	18	24½	17	25	28
Redland	460	43	56½	63	9½	25½	30½
(*478)	500	19½	35	43	28½	45	50
Royal Ins	288	17½	27	34½	12	19	23½
(*288½)	317	6	14½	21½	31½	37	40½
Tesco	220	15	22	29	9	15	17
(*224½)	240	6½	13	19	20	26	29
Vodafone	420	36½	52	59½	10½	20½	24½
(*447)	460	15	30½	38½	30	39½	44
Williams	300	18	25½	31½	11	19	23
(*304½)	330	6	12½	18½	30½	38½	41½

FT-SE INDEX (*2866½)

	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls						
Jun	125	79	34	9½	3	1½
Jul	141	101	63	37	19	9½
Aug	164	126	92	63	43	23
Sep	180	144	112	84	55	45
Dec	-	194	-	134	-	86
Puts						
Jun	2½	4½	13	41	89	139
Jul	11	20	35	60	94	140
Aug	22	40	57	82	113	153
Sep	39	52	64	89	119	159
Dec	-	83	-	124	-	180

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abbey Nat	390	32	41	50	1½	8½	14
(*419)	420	7	23	34	7	22	27
Amstrad	35	3	5½	7½	1½	3	5
(*36½)	40	1	2½	5½	4½	6½	8
Barclays	420	42½	52½	62½	1	9	15½
(*463)	460	8	27	38½	7½	25½	32
Blue Circ	260	6	21½	27½	5	15½	23½
(*260½)	280	1½	12½	18½	20½	27½	35
Br Gas	280	15	24½	28½	1½	7	13
(*294)	300	2	12½	17½	9	16	23½
	330	1	3½	7	38½	39	44
Dixons	200	16	24	33	2	12	18
(*213½)	230	2½	15	23	10	24	28
Forte	200	14	25	30	1½	8½	14½
(*214½)	220	2	14	19½	9	17	25
Glaxo	550	29	59½	69	4	25	43
(*581½)	600	3	34	46	29	50	72
	650	1	18½	28	78	86½	106
HSBC	600	33	60	77	4	25	36
(*634½)	650	5	34	52	27	49	61
Hillsdwn	140	10½	18½	23½	1½	6½	12½
(*148½)	160	1½	8½	13½	13½	18½	23½
Lonrho	110	8½	15	19	2	8½	12
(*117)	120	2½	10½	15	6	14½	18
Reuter	1300	46½	99½	141	3½	45½	67
(*1356)	1350	15	71½	115	21½	70	92
R-Royce	140	12	20	24	1	6	12½
(*150)	160	1½	10	14	10½	16½	23
Sears	90	9	12	14½	1	3	5
(*98½)	100	1½	6	9	3	7	9½
Tarmac	130	9	15	21	1½	7	12½
(*137½)	140	3	11½	15½	5½	12½	17½
Thrn Emi	850	22	44½	57½	5	38	46
(*860½)	900	2	20½	35	36½	71	76½
Tomkins	220	13½	20½	26½	1½	9	13
(*234½)	240	2	8½	17	10½	20	24
TSB	180	12	18	22	1½	8½	13
(*191)	200	1½	7½	13	13	20	23
Wellcome	700	26	59	83	8	36	58
(*726)	750	4	36	57	40	62	86

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Dec
Fisons	140	19½	26½	28	4½	11½	14
(*153)	160	9	16	18½	15	22	25½

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Eastrn Elc	460	18½	26	33½	21½	28½	34
(*464½)	500	4	13½	18	52½	56	59½

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Natl Pwr	330	34½	43½	52½	1	5½	9
(*363½)	360	7	23½	33½	4	15	20½
Scot Pwr	310	12	20	24½	1½	11½	15
(*320½)	330	1½	8½	15½	11	23½	26½

June 9, 1993 Tot: 45784 Call: 27954 Put: 17830 FT-SE Call: 5706 Put: 2919
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2843.0	2875.0	2842.0	2870.0	9853
Previous open interest: 49875	Sep 93	2862.0	2895.0	2862.0	2890.5	3117
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	94.06	94.07	94.03	94.03	4945
Previous open interest: 333109	Sep 93	94.25	94.28	94.18	94.19	20384
	Dec 93	94.28	94.30	94.22	94.23	6706
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 93	96.61	96.61	96.60	96.60	72
Previous open interest: 19440	Sep 93	96.32	96.33	96.31	96.32	220
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.48	92.48	92.44	92.45	12620
Previous open interest: 602204	Sep 93	93.28	93.31	93.21	93.23	62902
Long Gilt	Jun 93	105-03	105-14	105-03	105-10	3182
Previous open interest: 68398	Sep 93	103-27	104-16	103-26	104-11	48000
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	107.62	107.64	107.57	107.57	777
	Dec 93				106.75	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 93	94.33	94.68	94.23	94.54	94574
Previous open interest: 156619	Dec 93	94.48	94.80	94.48	94.67	41
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 93	98.91	99.14	98.82	98.91	4084
Previous open interest: 16869	Dec 93				99.070	
Three month ECU	Jun 93	92.38	92.45	92.38	92.43	522
Previous open interest: 27136	Sep 93	93.17	93.23	93.16	93.19	1852
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	94.88	94.90	94.87	94.88	1453
Previous open interest: 42512	Sep 93	95.26	95.35	95.25	95.27	8526
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 93	100.15	100.48	100.01	100.20	14765
Previous open interest: 41157	Dec 93	100.32	100.32	100.26	100.067	

COMMODITIES

COMMODITIES REPORT: Cocoa closed marginally lower with volume being boosted by a large number of crosses and active rolling forward of positions out of near July and into September. Talks at the ICCO continued to be monitored with the key issue being the method by which the ICCO will eventually dispose of its buffer stock. Coffee ended slightly higher but the market was rangebound.

LONDON FOX
COCOA

Jul	662-661	Sep	762-760
Sep	675-674	Dec	784-782
Dec	697-695	Mar	805-803
Mar	717-716	May	828-821
May	732-731		
Jul	746 BID	Volume:	14083

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	901-900	Mar	929-925
Sep	915-913	May	939-925
Nov	918-916	Jul	unq
Jan	922-918	Volume:	2419

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot unq		Mar	—
May	unq	May	—
Aug	—	Aug	—
Oct	—	Volume:	0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	285.5-84.5
Spot: 287.0		May	290.0-88.1
Aug	285.0-84.0	Aug	296.5-94.2
Oct	282.0-81.0	Oct	290.5-87.0
Dec	283.5-82.0	Volume:	198

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 9

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	89.01	115.50	144.31
(+/-)	-3.32	-13.33	+2.02
Eng/Wales:	89.01	114.85	143.90
(+/-)	-3.32	-13.64	+1.31
(%)	+1.6	+3.7	-13.3
Scotland:	n/a	122.40	147.26
(+/-)	n/a	-9.86	-6.64
(%)	n/a	-2.9	-33.8

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jun	116.0	116.0	Aug	103.3	103.0
Jul	107.5	107.5		Volume:	9

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (close £/t)
Jun 130.50
Sep 106.45
Nov 108.35
Jan 111.15
Mar 113.55
Volume: 197

BARLEY (close £/t)
Sep 104.40
Nov 107.65
Jan 109.50
Mar 111.50
May 112.50
Volume 0

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Jun 148.50
Aug 146.80
Oct 146.80
Dec 148.30
Feb 138.00
Volume: 200

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	unq
Apr	93.0	94.5
May	99.0	102.0
	Volume:	49

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Jul 58.75-59.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): With the next full Opec session pushed back until today, crude levels stagnated.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.20	(n/c)
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.20	(n/c)
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.30	(n/c)
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	19.70	(n/c)
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.95	+0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	205 (-1)	206 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	167 (-3)	168 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Jun	168 (-3)	169 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Jul	170 (-1)	171 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	60 (-3)	61 (-3)
Naphtha	179 (n/c)	181 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Jun	167.50-67.75	Sep	173.00-73.25
Jul	168.75-69.00	Oct	176.25-76.50
Aug	170.75-71.00	Nov	178.50-78.75
			Vol: 21137

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	18.30-18.33	Oct	18.69-18.73
Aug	18.47 BID	Nov	18.75 BID
Sep	18.58-18.61		Vol: 18673

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jun	193.00 BID	Sep	unq
Jul	195.00 SLR	Oct	unq
Aug	unq		Vol: 129

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 93	1455	1450	1455
Jul 93	1336	1325	1334
Aug 93	1336	1325	1331
Oct 93	1430	1418	1425

Vol: 116 lots Open intrst: 3268 Index 1576 -5

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1197.0-1198.0	1213.0-1214.0	1155625
Lead (£/tonne)	261.25-261.50	271.00-271.50	58475
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	927.00-927.50	946.50-947.00	274050
Tin ($/tonne)	5175.0-5180.0	5230.0-5235.0	13870
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1160.0-1161.0	1184.0-1184.5	2064675
Nickel ($/tonne)	5545.0-5550.0	5617.0-5620.0	40914

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 79.1 (day's range 79.1-79.5).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for June 9	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7741-2.7864	2.7785-2.7819	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Brussels	50.77-51.03	50.93-50.99	2-7ds	12-18ds
Copenhagen	9.4360-9.5190	9.4830-9.5060	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Dublin	1.0125-1.0150	1.0127-1.0148	7-12ds	26-36ds
Frankfurt	2.4752-2.4820	2.4771-2.4804	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Lisbon	233.85-235.25	234.00-234.48	150-160ds	452-480ds
Madrid	188.87-189.85	188.99-189.28	86-96ds	230-257ds
Milan	2242.00-2255.10	2249.00-2255.10	8-10ds	25-28ds
Montreal	1.9401-1.9576	1.9414-1.9436	0.28-0.16pr	0.46-0.27pr
New York	1.5140-1.5230	1.5150-1.5160	0.37-0.35pr	0.99-0.96pr
Oslo	10.4320-10.5210	10.4830-10.5060	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Paris	8.3400-8.3580	8.3440-8.3580	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Stockholm	10.9930-11.0730	11.0450-11.0690	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Tokyo	161.27-162.13	161.37-161.57	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Vienna	17.39-17.49	17.43-17.47	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Zurich	2.2143-2.2369	2.2338-2.2369	[illegible]pr-par	[illegible]pr

Source: Extel
Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5124-1.5150
Australia dollar	2.2569-2.2602
Bahrain dinar	0.5685-0.5805
Brazil cruzeiro *	69119.4-69165.6
Cyprus pound	0.725-0.735
Finland marka	8.3445-8.4605
Greece drachma	334.25-341.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.7326-11.7419
India rupee	47.29-48.25
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4535-0.4635
Malaysia ringgit	3.8802-3.8843
Mexico peso	4.68-4.78
New Zealand dollar	2.8309-2.8381
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6445-5.7705
Singapore dollar	2.4417-2.4449
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9400-6.9506
S Africa rand (com)	4.8285-4.8341
U A E dirham	5.5305-5.6545

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4863-1.4874
Austria	11.47-11.48
Belgium (Com)	33.54-33.55
Canada	1.2815-1.2820
Denmark	6.233-6.243
France	5.490-5.495
Germany	1.632-1.633
Hong Kong	7.729-7.730
Ireland	1.494-1.496
Italy	1479.0-1482.0
Japan	106.27-106.32
Malaysia	2.5553-2.5563
Netherlands	1.828-1.829
Norway	6.891-6.910
Portugal	154.05-154.25
Singapore	1.608-1.609
Spain	124.25-124.35
Sweden	7.261-7.271
Switzerland	1.4645-1.4655

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5¾ Week fixed: 6
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Interbank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 6¼, close 6½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.13-3.10	n/a	3.25-3.22	3.43-3.40	3.82-3.79
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: May 28, 1993. Agreed rates June 23, 1993 to July 25, 1993. Schemes II & III: 7.30%. Reference rate May 1, 1993 to May 28, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 6.039%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	5⅛-5	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Rudolf Wolff & Co)

Bullion: Open $371.25-371.75 Close: $371.50-372.00 High: $373.40-373.90
Low: $369.25-369.75 Krugerrand: $371.00-373.00 (£243.50-245.50)
Sovereigns: Old $87.00-89.00 (£56.00-58.00) New $87.00-89.00 (£56.00-58.00)
Platinum: $383.60 (£252.60) Silver: $4.37 (£2.875) Palladium: $124.50 (£82.00)

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Land Sec	Property	
2	Pearey Group	Industrial	
3	Northern Elec	Electricity	
4	Dixons Grp	Drapery,Strs	
5	Burnfield	Electrical	
6	Johnson Matth	Industrial	
7	Phoenilink	Electrical	
8	Bourne End	Property	
9	Whitbread 'A'	Breweries	
10	Dalgety	Foods	
11	Rugby Group	Building,Rds	
12	Scot & New	Breweries	
13	Mirston Thmp	Breweries	
14	Radiant Metal	Industrial	
15	Electrocomponents	Electrical	
16	Brake Bros	Foods	
17	Rensaid	Business Serv	
18	Dale	Electrical	
19	HSBC	Banks,Disc	
20	Bentalls	Drapery,Strs	
21	Wolseley	Industrial	
22	GKN	Industrial	
23	Sth Staffs	Water	
24	Bowthorpe	Electrical	
25	Tate & Lyle	Foods	
26	T & N	Industrial	
27	Midlands Elec	Electricity	
28	Saville Grdn (J)	Industrial	
29	TSB	Banks,Disc	
30	Lex Service	Motors,Air	
31	Blick	Electrical	
32	BTR	Industrial	
33	Inchcape	Business Serv	
34	NSM	Building,Rds	
35	Securicor	Industrial	
36	Mitie Gp	Business Serv	
37	Jardine Strat	Fin Trusts	
38	Herring Baker	Property	
39	Ulster TV	Leisure	
40	Harrisn Cnfld	Industrial	

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Please take into account any minus signs

The winner of yesterday's Portfolio Plus prize of £4,000 was Mr C Winston of Cockfosters, Herts.

Shares driven higher

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began June 7. Dealings end June 18. §Contango day June 21. Settlement day June 28. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
625	463	ADT	625	-5	...	...	...
238	188	Adams & Harvey	223	...	11.7	6.5	9.3
92	56	Air Londinia A	65	...	...	6.2	8.0
92	56	Allcom Lakes	74	...	2.0	4.6	...
178	125	Auto Sec	167	...	...	2.0	28.9
116	94	BET Ord	109	...	...	7.5	16.0
93	41	BMB Res	91	-6	...	6.0	47
310	224	BET	290	...	...	8.0	16.0
305	226	Barbour Index	305	...	...	8.0	16.5
22	15	Bosmere	19	...	...	0.7	4.6
241	189	Brit Data Mgt	240	...	...	2.1	20.0
21	11	Broadcastdata	21	...	...	...	16.7
73	50	Bunzl Service	70	...	...	...	...
104	66	CRT Gp	91	+1	2.4	3.3	10.4
178	109½	Capita Group	178	...	...	1.5	27.8
45½	31	Capital Pic	42½	-½	0.8	2.4	...
57	46	Chiltern Capital	49	...	...	...	...
51	26	Chrisalis	46	-1	...	...	...
305	238	Chubb Sec	305	+4	...	1.1	23.7
51	38	Comma	51	...	...	4.6	10.2
7	6½	Comp Services	7	...	...	...	...
58	50	Dani	57	-1	3.3	4.7	9.8
231	198	Data Service	222	...	...	4.5	16.6
104	85	DW Facts	100	...	...	3.9	10.5
44	31	Dealfinder	34	...	...	1.5	16.5
44	29	Gardner (DC)	43	...	...	...	...
246	215	Hays	218	+3	4.6	2.6	21.5
200	174	Hoare Robinson	185	-9	6.5	4.0	14.6
70	48	Holmes Protect	48	...	...	...	3.1
189	127	Hunt Whamp	187	...	...	...	16.5
1025	993	ISS B Dkr	1012½	...	...	4.2	24
337	332	Inchcape	336	+9	...	2.9	20.3
363	295	Johnson Clean	295	...	29.7	3.9	...
12	7½	Lep	9	...	...	...	...
244	173	Mide Gp	224	+4	2.7	1.5	18.5
1187	885	Manpower	1007	...	...	...	...
48	40½	Mitchell Page	46	...	1.8	4.7	20.4
279	237	Pannell	260	...	...	7.0	25.5
4½	2	Prime Peoples	3	...	...	...	...
142	82	Proudfoot Alex	82	-3	...	18.3	4.5
233	202	RCO	225	...	12.8	4.6	12.9
118	104	RMA	114	+1	4.0	4.8	...
108	48	Read Executive	101	+1	...	...	...
156	113	Reliance Secs	153	...	...	4.3	13.4
238	179	Rentokil	185	+2	2.3	1.6	22.8
278	203	Robb & Nolan	265	...	2.2	3.0	...
390	343	Salvesen (C)	356	+6	7.0	2.5	18.7
35	28	Scot Pickfords	28	...	...	3.4	8.0
205	164	Securigard	205	...	9.4	3.9	16.0
6½	5	Select Appts	6	...	...	...	...
981	695	Serco Gp	969	...	14.0	1.8	26.0
352	345	Shirwell Comps	347	...	...	3.5	...
130	90	Shrubbery	90	...	3.0	4.2	...
325	310	Warner Howard	320	-1	6.5	2.5	16.7
45	27	Welpac	34	+1	0.6	2.4	...
20	14	Wilh Gp	22½	+½	...	6.0	30.4

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
268	230	Allied Colloids	233	+1	...	2.5	18.9
759	613	Amersham	754	+30	13.5	2.3	...
7	3½	Anglo Dld	3½	...	...	...	...
5381½	4525	BASF DM	5230½	+25	...	7.3	...
259	199	BTP	249	+2	...	4.7	20.3
1219	1140	Bayer DM50	1169½	+3	...	4.9	11.7
178	134	Bespaks	167	-3	9.5	7.1	10.0
165	98	Bonar Chems	97	...	...	9.5	8.9
530	395	Br Bio-Tech	400	...	...	...	...
20	13	Cmtd Gp	16	+1	1.3	10.4	...
1210	1000	Ciba-Gy (N)	1040	-1	7.2	6.5	18.3
608	504	Courtaulds	531	...	...	5.3	14.3
281	238	Croda	276	...	...	...	18.0
149	121	Deeflex	140	...	4.6	4.1	10.7
208	175	Ellis & Everard	205	-2	7.0	4.3	18.5
21	15½	Elson	20½	...	0.8	3.5	17.4
291	259	Halstead (J)	289	...	...	4.3	21.5
241	194	Hickson	232	-5	...	4.3	21.5
£1144	£850	Hoechst	£1005	+50	...	3.8	...
225	195	Holliday Chem	225	...	...	2.1	20.7
710	628	ICI	696	+2	29.0	4.9	...
688	581	Laporte	665	+12	16.5	2.8	17.8
223	181	Leigh	205	...	7.8	4.9	...
19½	7	MTM	13½	...	...	...	...
1250	1462½	Mosk. Ryzhov	1667½	...	...	1.7	26.0
1260	1000	Peterson Tech	1400	...	11.4	2.3	19.3
400	300	-do- 'A'	398	...	11.4	3.6	17.2
280	238	Flyte	238	...	7.0	3.7	...
215	175	Powder	215	...	3.6	2.1	23.0
12	10½	Scientific Spmk	12	-½	...	6.0	...
675	425	Wardle Storeys	450	...	16.0	4.6	17.4
490	395	Watchfilter B	465	+7	17.0	4.6	15.9
408	368	Yorks Chem	394	-3	...	2.6	18.0
295	240	Yule Catto	294	-1	9.9	2.5	18.0
637	609	Zeneca	630	+8	...	5.5	36.6

DRAPERY, STORES

105	63	Alexon	88	...	3.0	4.5	...
61	47	Austin Day	58	...	3.1	5.3	10.3
319	257	Argos Plc	303	+2	...	2.9	26.9
116	69	Ashley (Laura)	116 †	+1	0.1	0.1	...
305	228	Arpeja	305	...	...	2.1	23.1
203	182	Austin Reed	203	...	...	2.4	...
203	168	Bentalls (J) 'A'	168	...	2.0	1.0	...
38	22	Blacks Leis	35	+1	3.3	...	7.2
227	152	Body Shop	198 †	...	...	1.1	26.0
18	13	Bolton & Jackson	15	...	...	0.7	...
401	348	Bowen (N)	375 †	+2	...	2.3	22.0
97	64½	Burton	89	+3½	...	3.0	...
145	126	Cantors	143	...	...	2.5	10.0
268	208	Church	255	...	12.5	4.9	11.6
193	153	Clifford Coats	188	...	4.2	2.2	17.5
247	212	Coats Viyella	229	...	...	4.0	15.6
106	78	Colourvision	96	...	...	...	16.3
509	374	Courts Furnish	508	...	5.0	1.2	25.5
158	115	Crown Bpm	157	...	...	5.5	6.4
113	89	Daily Mail Trst	113	...	...	3.0	18.0
10½	5½	Dewhirst (J)	9	...	1.0	1.8	22.2
280	194½	Dixons Grp	274	+6	6.0	2.3	25.2
405	330	Dunelm	391	+17	8.1	2.0	...
21	15½	EM Gp	15½	...	...	...	...
620	400	Ecco (Pinneldale)	495	...	16.0	4.2	16.6
115	71	Essex Furn	101	...	...	3.4	17.1
240	203	Exem	239	...	6.9	3.6	21.6
388	289	Fine Art Dev	350	...	12.7	3.9	18.0
32	26	Fred Bunk Thm	29	...	...	...	...
520	498	Forminster	498	...	22.5	5.1	10.4
88	84	French Conn	79	-1	...	...	...
48	21	Gabbitas	45	-1	2.0	...	8.0
43	23	Gath Sth	43	...	2.3	...	14.4
69	23	Goldsmiths Gp	69	...	2.0	2.9	...
2850	2400	GUS	2830	+37	40.0	1.7	21.5
1728	1563	-do- 'A'	1680	+30	40.0	2.3	19.1
49	33	Hampton Gtpn	34	...	...	4.7	17.3
277	30	Hanway	45	...	4.8	10.7	8.3
30	20	Helene Pic	29½	+½	2.0	10.7	11.3
138	98	Heritage	98	...	...	...	...
28	16	Holyrx	22	...	...	1.3	7.4
222	202	HTL Insts	218	...	...	2.1	15.4
185	123	Hutchinson Elect	153	...	...	2.0	16.3
136	116	Murray Elect	135	...	...	1.8	22.5
6412½	5205	NYNEX	5975	+97½	...	...	...
188	140	Neotronics	150	-3	2.4	2.7	19.3
46	42	Newmark (I)	45	...	...	...	...
116	88	Norbain	107	...	...	1.2	16.0
78	50	Northumbrian	64	-2	0.5	1.0	...
15½	9	Oceanic	12½	...	...	...	8.1
253	195	Oxford Inst	247	...	...	4.3	23.2
85	48	PR Interact	72	...	...	3.0	17.2
85	58	P & P	80	...	...	1.4	25.5
80	57	Penk	80	...	...	3.4	17.3
160	115	Pegasus	155	...	...	...	...
9000	6000	Philips Fin 6%	9000	...	...	...	...
2050	2000	-do- Lng Inv	2050	-125	...	...	...
211	170	Pinnacle&Lk	211	+4	...	...	7.1
452	343	Pilto	452	...	7.7	2.1	39.2
443	303	-do- 'A' Voting	443	...	7.7	2.2	37.4
96	68	Pittance	72	...	...	...	...
135	78	Prosec	98	...	2.4	3.1	19.6
135	78	Pittna	118	...	...	2.6	11.3
220	160	Racal Elect	227	+10	...	3.4	17.6
92	68	Radamec	88	...	...	1.9	32
92	61	Radius	87	...	...	...	...
61	51	Real Time e	57	...	...	...	...
35	18	Riva	31	...	...	...	...
688	488	Rugg Gp	582	-15	9.0	2.1	17.1
148	117	Schlumb Grp	140	...	3.5	2.8	20.2
330	220	Scan Gp	303	...	2.8	1.2	24.6
38	26	Silverstone	33	...	...	...	...
47	37	Smartmarks	43	...	...	9.0	...
2512½	1750½	TDK	2500	...	...	6.4	14.5
27	17	TDS Circuits	24	...	...	...	...
155	80	Telemetrix	138	-2	0.8	0.7	...
189	109	TEQUIN Hld	168	+6	...	4.7	17.6
111	95	Thorpe PW	104	...	...	4.8	17.3
165	70	Total Systems	70	...	...	2.2	4.0	12.5
445	372	Tunstall	429 †	...	...	6.0	1.7	17.2
259	164	Unitech	258	...	...	5.8	3.1	41.6
11½	9	Vertex	9	...	...	...	...	...
34	24	Vistec	33	...	...	...	...	...
471	367	Vodafone	448	-2	...	...	2.8	20.2
441	388	Volex	388	...	...	5.5	19.6
255	223	Wholesale Fbs	254	...	11.7	5.8	24.2

ELECTRICITY

487	389	East Midlands	484	+7	17.1	4.7	8.7
496	399	Eastern Elect	488	+3	16.7	4.5	11.5
356	306	Hydro-Elect	346	+6	10.1	3.7	12.3
500½	404	London Elect	498	...	16.8	4.6	8.8
514	434	Manweb	514	...	17.2	4.5	10.0
514	434½	Midlands Elec	496	+7	17.2	4.5	10.0
549	440	Northern Elec	513	+5	16.4	4.5	7.6
344	288	Norweb	308	+1	17.7	4.4	8.6
337	285	Scottish Power	326½	+3½	...	4.3	11.6
529	436	Scotland	510	+5	17.2	4.3	9.2
571	469	Sth Wales	554	+8	19.4	4.4	8.8
496	406	Sth Western	478	+8	16.6	4.6	8.6
696	568	Southern Elec	682	-2	18.6	4.5	9.1
465	405	Yorkshire Elec	452	+7	17.7	4.4	8.4
3639	273	National Power	3539	+75	...	3.6	11.0
378	273	PowerGen	378	+8½	...	3.5	10.4

FINANCE, LAND

69½	51	Aitken Hume	51	...	...	0.5	...	22.6
85	47	BWD'A'	84	...	...	...	4.8	13.3
99	36	Baltic Plc	89	+1	...	...	...	...
453	415	Caledonia	416	-3	14.4	4.3	16.0
1550	1000	Camellia	1375	...	37.0	2.5	11.6
265	263	Candover	264	...	10.3	4.9	11.7
100	71	Fleetcrfn A	99	+1	...	0.7	...	...
203	155	Govett	203	...	...	5.3	8.8
151	125	Ivory Sime	150	...	...	5.3	15.7
6½	3	LIT	3½	...	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	...	0.6
203	154	Lon Forthings	200	...	...	8.4	5.4	14.1
60	47	Manolin	60	+1	...	...	...	...
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	9	...	...	...	...	...
50	48	Nomurabrge Int	50	+1	...	...	...	...
275	246	Rathbone Bro	275	...	...	6.0	2.7	16.7
23½	17	Rmfond Tst	23	...	...	1.3	4.3	13.7
300	253	S & U	267	...	...	10.0	4.7	...
60	48	Singer & Fried	60	+2	2.6	4.8	...	...
97½	80	Slough	93½	-½	...	4.1	...	...
116	83	STP Capital	116	+1	5.0	5.3	...	...

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1969	1497	Amer Express	1939½	-9½	...	...	...
235	183	Electra	235	...	6.7	3.6	32.0
918	835	Henderson Ad	920	...	42.0	5.9	...
127	92	Investo MIM	127	+1	3.0	3.0	...
224	164	Jardine Stnc	224	+9	...	3.2	11.0
194	154	MAI	193	+3	4.6	3.9	14.8
327	289	MAM	325 †	-1	15.0	3.6	12.7
798	693	M & G	780	...	...	3.4	20.8
294	115	Smith New Ct	294	+2	4.5	2.4	9.3
80	55	Trib Hldgs	78	...	...	4.8	...

FOODS

515	461	AB Food	469	...	14.0	3.8	10.5
77½	53	ASDA Group	70	+½	...	2.9	22.6
258	170	Acatos & Hutch	254 †	...	5.5	3.8	12.4
76	55	Albert Fisher	66	...	3.7	7.1	11.0
407	297	Argyll	347	-1	...	4.0	12.6
210	152	Ashby Group	149	...	...	7.5	...
127	107	Assoc Biscuits	127	...	8.0	6.3	14.0
210	160	Banks (F C)	208	+2	5.0	3.0	10.4
402	310	Barr (AG)	372	+1	6.5	2.2	18.8
65	57	Bemrose Corp	62	...	...	5.7	13.9
143	112½	Berisford Int	135	-2	...	...	...
435	357	Booker	395	-1	...	7.3	38.1
52	35	Bortwick	39½	...	1.2	3.0	...
503	430	Bske Rns	503	+5	8.2	1.5	20.0
51	38	Budgen	41	...	...	...	13.9
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	498	+3	...	3.7	16.6
104	78	Carr's Milling	104	...	3.9	4.7	20.6
201	178	Cranswick	192	+1	...	4.9	14.2
22	9½	Cullens	21	-½	0.5	3.0	...
184	168	Dalgety	207	...	6.0	3.6	9.3
491	429	Delapey	485	+3	19.5	3.6	12.7
54	37	Dunbee S	54	...	...	3.7	...
134	122	Everest	128	+1	...	3.4	17.7
285	269	Ferguson	280	...	...	2.2	20.6
10	3	Farrington	7½	...	...	...	...	...
91	70	Finlay (Jas)	70 †	-3	...	7.4	23.2
135	78	Fyffes	100	...	1.5	1.5	16.6
488	326	Geest	359	-3	8.1	2.8	16.2
12	7	Global	10	...	...	4.3	15.6
62	47	Grand Central	61	...	1.1	3.3	...
207	167	Hardwood Pds	201	...	11.1	5.5	11.1
115	111	Hillsdown	149	+2	...	7.4	11.7
259	208½	Iceland Group	245 ‡	+1	...	1.7	21.9
151	111	IU Group	126	...	4.5	4.7	17.3
151	111	Kwik Save	142	-8	16.0	2.7	14.2
282	239	Low (Wm)	282	...	5.4	3.4	14.8
51	41	Matthews (B)	47	-1	2.2	4.9	37.3
39	12½	Meadows Ansll	19	...	1.1	7.5	...
174	149	Morrison (Wm)	166	...	6.6	2.3	25.8
1040	840	Northern Foods	1016	+2	...	4.3	12.4
212	172	Nthmbrian Pwr	17	-3	...	...	7.1
239	172	Nuttall (P)	215	+2	8.1	3.6	...
208	168	Pork Farms	207	+3	3.2	1.7	28.3
115	83	Perkins Food	102	...	...	3.9	16.1
98½	67	Pizza Express	95	+1	...	0.7	49.4
9	1½	Ropinn Hldgs	4	...	...	...	...
384	446	Salisbury J	502	+6	10.0	2.5	...
66	43	Sainsbury Hldgs	66	...	...	1.8	24.0
687	553	Scot Group	682	-12	17.2	4.8	...
1080	830	Sth Af Brew	1015	+4	...	3.2	21.0
221	187	Unigate	207	...	6.7	4.5	18.0
41½	31	Wadcock	39½	+½	2.1	7.1	...
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	5½	...	...	...	...	...
289	241	Baird (Wm)	261	...	8.9	4.3	18.1
1063½	830	Barker Retail	1034	...	...	5.4	13.6
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	61	+2	...	2.9	25.0
15	5	Beaufield	9½	+½	...	...	...
9½	6	Beckingham	8	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bentford (W)	28	...	...	...	...
32½	25	Benson Group	27½	-½	0.1	0.7	16.2
707	553	Bespak	559	-1	8.0	2.1	16.8
135	68	Bibby Gp	93	...	9.7	6.7	8.2
308	239	Bilton (J)	303	+1	5.0	2.6	12.3
41	21½	Bpmt Hotels 'A'	38	...	...	...	...	...
116	84	Bunzl Ind	84	...	...	0.6	...	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

16	16	Abrdn Atl Ho	16	...	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	85	...	1.5	2.3	20.5
215½	170	Forte	215½	+6½	...	4.4	16.9
118	95	Friendly Hotels	105	...	3.7	3.9	...
5	5	Harmony Inns	5½	...	...	...	...	...
130	97	Ivory Hotel	106	...	...	...	1.1	26.0
235	154	Ladbroke	151	+6	11.1	7.3	16.3
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	70	+2	...	4.3	18.8
99	83	Queens Moat	95	...	...	2.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7½% cpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	2	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...	...
55	38	Resort Hotels	48	+1	3.4	9.0	9.4
24	11½	Ryan Hotels II	17½	...	...	6.3	...
798	500	Savoy Hotel 'A'	790	...	...	7.0	1.1	...
57	36½	Stakis	52	-1	...	...	1.1	...

INDUSTRIALS

228	178	AAF Inds	209	...	...	5.5	12.2
616	428	AAH	500	...	16.3	4.1	15.9
172	140	ABM	142	...	6.5	5.7	8.9
172	138	AFV	138	-2	...	6.9	...
215	81	AGW	213	-1	...	...	...
169	124	Advan	165	...	7.0	5.3	23.6
38	20	Aeroquip Eng	37	...	1.0	2.7	20.3
518	434	Aerospace	518	+11	9.0	2.2	...
148	113	Airflow Sy	148	...	3.6	3.2	40.2
19½	7	Alfred Baths	7	...	...	...	...	...
540	415	Alumasc	540	...	11.0	2.5	16.5
36	27	Amb	28	+½	1.0	3.6	7.2
420	345	Amber Ind	398	...	17.0	5.5	10.3
158	118	Ambutrip Gps	118	...	...	3.8	...
145	115	Amstrad Spkrs	115	...	...	4.4	4.9	...
865	708	Autobugatti	765	...	...	2.7	13.8
50½	37	Azeuor	41	-½	1.4	4.8	12.0
170	143	Ash & Lacy	156	...	6.4	5.1	16.0
7½	2	Asm Int Reg	3	...	0.8	...	...
5410	4264	Aston Martin	4264	...	...	4.2	19.4
255	168	Astor Navspa	220	...	...	...	8.0
6870	5495	Atlas Supply	6597	...	...	4.2	16.5
48	36	Aurotime Metal	41	...	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	159	+3	...	3.9	13.5
55	29	BCF Groups	55	...	...	...	...
77	53	BM Gp	74	...	5.0	...	8.9
720	650	BOC	684	+1	22.2	4.4	14.6
79½	62	BSG	69	+2	...	5.8	24.0
687	553	BSS Group	682	-12	17.2	4.8	...
681	530	BTR	611	+4	...	3.2	21.0
221	187	BET	187	...	6.7	4.5	18.0
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37	26½	Renmore	37	...	1.7	5.0	9.1
120	91	Ricardo Group	118	...	5.3	6.0	33.2
68	58	Richard (Leics)	68	...	4.4	8.3	...
85	68	Richardson West	83	+2	3.0	4.5	21.3
138	109	Ropner	122	...	8.2	8.5	17.3
122	97	-do- 'A'	115	...	8.2	9.0	18.5
51	45	Routh Insts	50	...	...	9.0	10.5
58	26	Ross Gp	33	...	0.6	2.5	13.5

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ACCOUNTANCY

Testing time for tax campaigns

By Graham Searjeant

WHO cares about auditing? As the latest fee league tables published by the big accountancy firms showed this week, auditing is a minority interest for most of the top firms that cannot buck the economic trend. Arthur Andersen outpaced the others thanks mainly to its own consulting niches, boosted by insolvency and tax work. Special mention was made of its schemes to develop a tax concession on profit-related pay to save clients huge sums by applying it effectively to basic pay instead.

Tax departments, which provide on average roughly a quarter of the income, usually on above-average margins, have offered a stability missing in insolvency. At the moment, they are enjoying an opportunity for growth that has surely made them the most devoted fans of a much-pilloried man — former Chancellor Norman Lamont.

What turned out to be his last Budget proved the most fertile for ages for tax specialists. The April Finance Bill contained 208 clauses, including 46 to implement the Inland Revenue's new treatment of companies' foreign exchange gains and losses — a subject of interest to virtually no one except tax specialists.

For almost two months since, firms have orchestrated, or helped their clients mount campaigns to modify changes to anything from petroleum revenue tax, a matter of potentially vital economic import, to treatment of company cars.



Helpful hand with moving costs: accountants are trying to save the tax concession

The main benefit to accountants' tax departments naturally comes from advising clients on the impact of the changes and how to negate the Treasury's attempts to levy more revenue. But for those at the sharp end of the campaigns, the moment of success, failure or, more often, the scoring of a few minor points, is now unfolding, as the bill grinds through committee.

If the campaign to soften or phase in the changes in oil tax was the most important, none has been more hard-fought than that over job-related relocation expenses. Ernst & Young, which leads the field in expatriate taxation and the like, went in to bat for its clients and for four leading specialist relocation firms.

The Inland Revenue had discovered, or so it thought, that the apparently minor concession of allowing firms to pay, free of tax an employee's costs for a move at the company's behest, was costing £800 million a year. The Chancellor, in a tone near to outrage, claimed some employees were paid as much as £25,000 and put an £8,000 ceiling on non-taxable payments to raise £200 million a year.

These proved underestimates. Research showed that £25,000, far from being an extreme case, was near to the average cost. On that basis, the ceiling on the allowance alone would raise about £800 million a year from companies' pockets. They would have to pay the employee's tax, usually at 40 per cent on this kind of move, and tax on the tax. Even the CBI reckoned removal costs would rise 45 per cent, potentially cutting mobility, altering career and recruitment policies.

E&Y argued that if the Revenue set the ceiling at the average of £25,000 rather than £8,000, it would still get the £200 million a year it was looking for. Thus far, however, Treasury concessions have been limited. That £800 million estimate must have looked tempting.

There must also have been some suspicion that some employers were larding the cake. More generally, corporate tax advisers may be becoming too clever for their own good. Any tax concession is rapidly turned into a loophole these days.

Personal equity plans aimed at promoting individual investment were soon perverted into a tax concession for collective investment to replace the old life premium relief. Business expansion schemes were exploited at such variance to their intent that they are finally being abolished. If Arthur Andersen's low-risk profit-related pay schemes were generally applied, the Revenue would lose hundreds of millions in income tax.

All concessions are likely to come under much tougher scrutiny. That could limit the scope for accountants' creative tax departments. There will always be VAT.

Liquidating the bad old image

INSOLVENCY practitioners are having a hard time. And the attitude of much of the rest of the business world is "about time too". They are seen as charging outrageous fees, sailing close to the wind over ethics and conflicts of interest, and caring more about their income than the health of the companies they are supposed to be saving. Like most caricatures, not all of it is true. But there is enough truth for the profession to be worried.

Quite what they do about it is another matter. They can try to be as honest and open about the problems as possible. The 1992 review of the year published by the Society of Practitioners of Insolvency certainly produced the goods. The central piece argued that "the principal firms were left in early 1993 with the threat from MPs of being required to disclose partnership profits — arguably no bad thing given their size and the influence they hold". It covered the whole problem of fees appearing to be astronomic and quoted the Touche Ross fees for the liquidation of BCCI as running at "more than £650,000 a week by the end of the year". It added that "insolvency practitioners' disciplinary procedures were shown to be shambolic". Publishing that sort of message to the world does not suggest problems are being ignored. But it can lead to the idea that better public relations is the whole answer. To illustrate: in the latest issue of the SPI's magazine, its president, Mark Homan of Price Waterhouse, argues that fees are controlled: "We work in a highly competitive market, on top of which there are at least two layers of control on our fees available to creditors in most situations." Yet if you check back to the review of the year you find that "the temptations for manipulating hours charged are high, and often hard to counterbalance by the minimal ability of hard-pressed courts or creditors' committees to scrutinise fees and work in detail".



Robert Bruce

Accountants seem to attract the most criticism on fees. Lawyers have tended to charge higher fees than accountants in the great insolvency bonanza of the recession. But accountants have been hardest pressed by select committees and other critics. And in many cases justifiably so. Big firms will say they work hard and long hours during a recession, they are just as much about corporate recovery as burying companies, and they suffer lean years when everyone else is enjoying a boom. All this is true except the last. The years may seem leaner. But through the mid-eighties the great names of the insolvency world certainly did not seem to have diminished corporations.

Many people, particularly in the smaller organisations with high profile work but lower overheads, are making money which could never be justified to the public at large.

Equally, there are those who are mindful of not letting the fees run away. One notable practitioner claims his fees have never exceeded the cost of the cars in the directors' car park. This is probably where the profession is changing. New ethical rules have been announced. They are not yet fully satisfactory, but they are a start. At the recent SPI conference, no one had a good word for people involved in recent high-profile transgressions. But convincing the public that insolvency practitioners should not be automatic targets will be hard. First, practitioners are making money out of a tragedy. The public does not see the hard work. It sees redundancies and closures and hears about the fees. Second, receivers and liquidators always need to work fast. Explaining their actions to a bemused and hostile public may not be high on their priorities. But it can be done, as anyone knows who was around when Bill Mackey spent the morning in the Gatwick control tower summoning Freddie Laker's aircraft back to base and the evening in front of television cameras revealing the very human face of the honest professional. Third, the system in this country puts a premium on getting every last penny back for creditors. And that is an expensive process. The continental solution of perhaps being more realistic over what is likely to be recouped and tailoring the recovery effort accordingly might not be accepted by a public often motivated as much by revenge as creditors' rights. Like dentists, insolvency practitioners probably just have to accept that while they may command some respect, the public will never genuinely love them. If they accept that, the path is clear. The programme announced by Mark Homan at the SPI conference of putting a priority on explaining what practitioners do and are doing is probably the right one.

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Applying the Cadbury code to unlisted companies

Joe Ryan calls for a wider debate on the Cadbury committee's recommendations on best conduct and corporate governance



"Control is the most relevant aspect": Joe Ryan

THERE has been much discussion of the Cadbury code of best conduct and the committee's much wider recommendations on corporate governance. Comment has, however, usually concerned how Cadbury will affect the large quoted company, where the corporate governance spotlight is aimed brightest. There should be more debate on the code's relevance to the small quoted company, particularly those with majority private shareholdings.

Unlisted companies cannot be expected to have the same sophisticated procedures. However, I believe that compliance with many aspects of the code is in effect a precursor to exercising those responsibilities falling on executive and non-executive directors. The Cadbury message applies equally to the smaller company, particularly to the well run, ambitious one looking for expansion or flotation.

Control is the most relevant aspect for unlisted companies, rather than public accountability, except where they have high public exposure. The code should not be looked at as yet another set of rules with which to comply, but as a means of achieving effective control and direction.

The way in which the board conducts its business is not just a subject for the Cadbury ground rules. This issue has also been a topic in DTI reports on companies which have failed. They cite, as key features in failures, the dominant chairman and sometimes the MD, irregular meetings with no agenda or minutes, lack of adequate financial and management information, failure to take outside advice and failure to identify all crucial risks.

Even small companies need to address these issues. They too need a balance at the top to encourage proper debate of key issues and to introduce procedures to ensure that the board can act in a timely way on an informed basis.

Directors are often not fully aware of their complex and demanding responsibilities until it is too late, and they are made aware the hard way. All directors have a duty to acquaint themselves with them before accepting a directorship. In the smaller company, this can be even harder. Directors of unlisted companies may like to consider the following questions:

- ☐ How do you ensure you are acting within the law?
- ☐ How does the board obtain assurance that the business is a going concern?
- ☐ How does the board monitor the company's future prospects?
- ☐ How do you ensure business risks are properly controlled?

Cadbury recommends that quoted companies have at least three non-executive directors, for experience and independence, to regulate executive directors' pay and safeguard shareholders' interests. The role would typically be narrower in a private company and three would generally be excessive.

I believe that non-executives are still important to the smaller company, which often depends on the abilities and skills of an owner manager whose experience is frequently not in finance and control. The skills and expertise of suitably qualified non-executives can, therefore, be of benefit as well as offer an outside perspective.

Many companies with a turnover of less than £10 million have non-executive directors and value their input. Alternative sources of advice might be considered. Is there, for instance, someone whose business experience is valued who would be prepared to sit on board meetings or be available to consult?

There should be established procedures for dealing with non-routine business. These are the areas where costly mistakes can be made, either because the complexity of transactions is overlooked, the decisions are taken at the wrong level, or the right external expertise is not used.

Cadbury suggests that certain types of transactions need board approval; this concept is even more important in the smaller company.

Directors have a duty to ensure that they are aware of their responsibilities — ignorance is no excuse. Compliance with the relevant aspects of the code will help directors of unlisted companies to achieve effective control and direction.

The author is a partner of Coopers & Lybrand

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Fees for other side relevant

Lord Chancellor v Wright

Before Mr Justice Garland

[Judgment May 21]

A taxing master, in determining the fees to be paid to defence counsel under the Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (Costs) Regulations (SI 1989 No 343), could take into consideration the amount paid to prosecuting counsel in the same case.

Mr Justice Garland so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division, dismissing an appeal by the Lord Chancellor against the decision of Master Prince, a taxing master, to increase the fees paid to the respondent, Mr Gerard Wright, QC, defence counsel in a crown court conspiracy trial. Judgment was delivered in open court following a hearing in chambers.

Mr Richard Drabble for the Lord Chancellor; Mr Peter Birts, QC, instructed by the General Council of the Bar, for Mr Wright.

MR JUSTICE GARLAND said that the issue was whether or not, when determining the fees of counsel under the 1989 Regulations, regard could be had to the fees paid to counsel for the opposing party to the proceedings, in the instant case prosecuting counsel instructed by the Crown Prosecution Service.

The respondent had been instructed as leading counsel to defend a man who, with two others, faced a single count of conspiracy to rob. The respondent had claimed a basic fee of £20,000 and refreshers of £400 a day. The appropriate authority had determined a fee of £10,500 with refreshers of £360.

The respondent had sought a re-determination under regulation 14 of the 1989 Regulations. He was by then aware of the fee allowed to Queen's Counsel for the Crown of £20,000 with refreshers of £350. The junior for the Crown had received two-thirds of his leader's fee, which was more than the respondent's fee.

The re-determining officer had determined that the fee of £10,500 provided reasonable remuneration and that the claimed fee of £20,000 was excessive.

The re-determining officer said that since prosecution and defence remunerations were determined by separate authorities, the appropriate authority under the 1989 Regulations had no access to the detailed considerations which led to the actual amounts allowed to the prosecution. Any attempted comparison with prosecution fees had therefore to be highly unreliable.

The respondent appealed to the taxing master. He had clearly attached considerable weight to the fact that junior counsel for the Crown had received a higher brief fee than the respondent.

The taxing master said that it had to be right, when assessing counsel's fees either for the prosecution or the defence, that regard should be had to fees assessed by the other authority. The respondent's brief fee was increased to £15,000.

Mr Drabble submitted quite simply that on the construction of the regulations the fee agreed between the Crown Prosecution Service and counsel was irrelevant. It was not a "relevant circumstance of the case": see regulation 4. A relevant circumstance of the case had to go to the case itself, the work involved and the circumstances in which it was done.

Alternatively, Mr Drabble argued, it was highly undesirable to have regard to fees paid to prosecution counsel because the basis of those fees would not be known.

In his Lordship's judgment, the regulations did not, on their true construction, preclude an appropriate authority, determining officer or taxing master from looking at the fees paid to prosecuting counsel.

The regulations were not restrictive. Prosecuting counsel's fees were part of the material upon which the exercise of judicial discretion was based in determining reasonable remuneration.

There was no reason why the appropriate authorities, determining officers and taxing masters, should not know the amount of fees paid to an opposing party, provided they had first assessed a reasonable fee in accordance with the regulations without reference to such fees.

When the opposing party's fees were known they could have regard to them and consider whether there was such a disparity, for which there was no explanation, that it would be fair and reasonable to reconsider their own assessment.

They would be astute to remember that prosecution fees were assessed by others in respect of different duties and burdens and to take those into account.

Solicitor: Treasury Solicitor.

Wide construction of 'loss or damage'

Cargill International SA v C. P. N. Tankers (Bermuda) Ltd

Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Roch and Sir David Croom-Johnson

[Judgment May 28]

"Loss or damage" within the meaning of section 3(6) of the United States Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1936 was to be given a wide construction and extended to loss or damage relating to the goods and not just physical loss of or damage to them.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing an appeal brought by the plaintiff charterers, Cargill International SA, against the decision of Mr Justice Saville on September 21, 1992 in favour of the defendant disponent owners, C. P. N. Tankers (Bermuda) Ltd.

Mr Edmund Broadbent for the plaintiffs; Mr Nicholas Hamblen for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE HIRST said that the plaintiffs had claimed by their originating summons a declaration, *inter alia*, that the plaintiffs' claims against the defendants under a charterparty dated February 14, 1989 were not time barred.

The charterparty provided that disputes should be referred to arbitration in London and that it should be governed by English law.

The plaintiffs claimed that in breach of the charter, the vessel presented for loading at the first loadport with tanks that were dirty and unsuitable for the carriage of the cargo, and that that necessitated the cleaning of the tanks, which in turn delayed the start of the loading, and allegedly caused consequential financial loss and expense to the plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs also claimed that at the second loadport, cargo was permitted to leak from one tank to another and was thought to have been contaminated. They alleged that that also caused financial loss and expense incurred in pumping the cargo back into the correct tank and in carrying out analyses to discover whether contamination had in fact occurred. Both alleged breaches occurred in March and April 1989.

No suit was brought within the ensuing year, the appointment of an arbitrator having only taken place in February 1992. On December 16, 1991 the plaintiffs issued the originating summons. Mr Justice Saville refused the declarations sought.

The case turned on the proper construction of the fourth paragraph of section 3(6) of the US Act which was in the following terms: "In any event the carrier and the ship shall be discharged from all liability in respect of loss or damage unless the suit is brought within one year after delivery of the goods or the date when the goods should have been delivered."

Section 3(6) was an exact counterpart of article 3, rule 6 of the Hague Rules, incorporated into English law by the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1924 with an exception, irrelevant for present purposes.

In English law, the Hague Rules had been superseded by the Hague-Visby Rules, incorporated into English law by the Carriage of Goods at Sea Act 1971. However, various countries had not adopted the Hague-Visby Rules, so that the Hague Rules were still of considerable international importance.

His Lordship accepted the submission of Mr Hamblen that Mr Justice Pearson's construction of "loss or damage" in *Gouladris v Goldman* ([1958] 1 QB 74) as meaning loss or damage which was related to the goods was part of his *ratio decidendi* and therefore of the strongest persuasive authority. That construction should only be deposed if it was clearly wrong and far from being persuaded that the wide construction was wrong, his Lordship considered it to be correct.

Lord Justice Roch and Sir David Croom-Johnson agreed.

Solicitors: More Fisher Brown; Holman Fenwick & Willan.

Landlord's right to self-help

McMullen & Sons Ltd v Cerrone

Section 252(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 did not prevent a landlord exercising the ancient self-help remedy of distress for arrears of rent when an interim order was in force under that section.

Mr Roger Kaye QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge of the Chancery Division, so held in a reserved judgment on May 28.

HIS LORDSHIP said that when a debtor proposed a voluntary arrangement with his creditors under Part VIII of the 1986 Act, the court, pending approval or rejection of the proposal, could make an interim order whereby "(a) no bankruptcy petition relating to the debtor may be presented or proceeded with, and (b) no other proceedings, and no execution or other legal process, may be commenced or continued against the debtor or his property except with the leave of the court."

The landlord, who was owed £15,000 by the tenant jeweller, decided to distrain for arrears and had through a bailiff entered the demised premises and taken possession of a quantity of jewellery while an interim order was in force. That, his Lordship held, he was entitled to do. Both on a construction of the wording of the section and after a consideration of analogous provisions and the decided cases, he held that section 252(2)(b) was intended to restrict only those rights which a creditor could enforce by "legal process" against the debtor or his property; that was, process of a judicial or adjudicative or quasi-adjudicative nature and not right which might be enforced without recourse to such process.

Ain't Misbehavin'

MICHAEL Chamberlain, the newly-elected president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, may now have less time to spare for his favourite hobby — playing the organ. Chamberlain, who is a partner of KPMG Peat Marwick, could not resist having a go on the world-famous Father Willie organ in St George's Hall, Liverpool, before the Founding Societies dinner in honour of Sir Brian Jenkins. He was bluntly told to cease playing because the sound was disrupting the filming of *The Guildford Four*, which stars Emma Thompson and Daniel Day Lewis. "The only consolation is that I was asked if I was the organist of Liverpool Cathedral," says Chamberlain. Apart from Chamberlain, Roger Lawson of 3i becomes deputy president, and Keith Woodley vice-chairman.

Cleaning up

EVIDENCE of the sloppy dining habits of City accountants comes with word that a pricey new dry-cleaners on Fleet Street is packing them in. Jeeves of Belgravia's shop in the old *Daily Telegraph* building counts Touche Ross, KPMG Peat Marwick and Ernst & Young among its top five corporate clients. Recession is history if local spending habits are anything to go by. A Reuters staffer recently brought in ten Hermès ties worth all of £60 each for cleaning. American female bankers from JP Morgan and elsewhere are splashing out £50 a time to have their power suits pressed. "We get everything from the real old duffers from the Chambers to office boys who want to look smart," says Mike Brown, manager. Jeeves also takes wigs, gowns and QC's jackets, and recently dealt with a batch of 200 stiff collars from the Temple — cleaned and starched for the grand sum of £520. Keep those fees rolling in ...

Landlubbers

THE Institute of Chartered Accountants seems a touch apprehensive about a sailing challenge to be held at La Rochelle in September. *Accountancy*, the institute's magazine, says the three-day race "is rather alarmingly described as an event that shows the vitality of the accounting profession and the passion that leads it". The Moorgate Place mob is obviously more comfortable with plans to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the birth of Luca Pacioli, inventor of double-entry book-keeping next year. They suggest the Pacioli first edition held in the ICA library could be the centrepiece of an exhibition. But even this is fraught with hazard for the dedicated: "Accounting interest is likely to be put in context with music and art," *Accountancy* says.

Required reading

TOUCHE Ross, catching the mood of the times, has produced an off-puttingly titled book *Accounts and Audit of Pension Schemes*, by Teresa Sinkiewicz and Amyas Mascarenhas, covering everything from simple explanations of schemes to accounting methods in 194 pages and 128 pages of appendix and index. The work, for internal use, is also for sale (via Butterworths, 0732-884567). While all sorts, from worker trustees to small auditing firms, can profit from parts of it, it is not so obvious how many would find it worth paying the £40 price. TR has thought of that. "No public library should be without it," it says.

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Lord Palumbo writes of 'grave concern' over arts cuts, in a letter to the heritage secretary



CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** on Liv Ullmann's debut as a director with the 'moving, deeply humane' *Sofie*

One woman's story inspires another

Nobody could be Ingmar Bergman's favourite film heroine for ten years without absorbing some of the master's skills. So when Liv Ullmann — actress, writer, Unicef ambassador — turns director, our expectations are high. *Sofie* does not disappoint. You can fault its length and the stuttering drama of the closing reels, but there is still more than enough delicate acting, emotional penetration and loving care to go round.

This is a period family saga, set in Denmark in the closing decades of the 19th century. The source novel, Henri Nathansen's *Mendel Philipsen and Son*, was painted on a teeming canvas. From the 1932 tome Ullmann chose to highlight Sofie, the Jewish family's daughter, and the menfolk who cluster around her: the devoted father, the gentile painter she is forced to abandon, the dull husband she joins in a loveless provincial marriage, and the son who lights up her later life.

Over and above these individual characters stand Jewish tradition and society's laws. Together they squeeze all ambitions and dreams from a woman who seems almost as caged as the canaries in her living room, who laments in the closing scenes that her life "has been like a closed book which no-one has ever opened."

The Scandinavians are masters at this kind of fare. From Karen-Lise Mynster's regretful heroine down to the minor in-laws and aunts, the unglamorous faces look exactly right. We even forget, after a time, that Torben Zeller (the pathetic husband) bears a resemblance to Leslie Crowther. A British *Sofie* would be choked to the throat with period props; here some of the most touching moments involve a stark storefront and two characters sitting either side of the door.

As director, Ullmann proves particularly adept at group occasions, like family visits or the unveiling of the painter's portrait of Sofie's parents (wonderfully played by Erland Josephson and Ghita Norby). When the social comedy gives way to tragedy, her touch becomes less sure, and the film latterly drags its feet. But there is still solid gold in *Sofie*. This is quality cinema, moving, humorous, deeply humane; fit to sit beside *The Best Intentions*, if not quite *Fanny and Alexander*.

Hollywood, too, is on its best behaviour in **Untamed Heart**, directed by Tony Bill. Most current American product thinks tenderness is for saps, yet this off-beat romantic drama about a mismatched pair who somehow click conveys genuine warmth and an endearing charm. The film also serves as a powerful showcase for three young rising players: Marisa Tomei, the feisty girlfriend in *My Cousin Vinny*; Rosie Perez, the squawking sparrow from *White Men Can't Jump*; and Christian Slater, he of the Jack Nicholson eyebrows and nasal whine.

The action hovers around Jim's Coffee Shop in a drab Minneapolis slightly prettified with Christmas lights and a dusting of snow. In Tom Sierchio's diverting script, Tomei works as a bubbly, chatterbox waitress with a knack for choosing the wrong boyfriends. Perez (quieter than usual) is her colleague and buddy; Slater plays the gentle, almost silent busboy who worships Tomei from afar. Raised in an orphanage, he suffers from a congenital heart defect that makes him withdraw from life; but circumstances change once he rescues Tomei from an assault. Awkwardly at first, the recluse and the extrovert get together.

Stripped to its bare bones, the plot may sound trite. But the impassioned playing and Tony Bill's rapt attention to gentle feelings (closer to his work on *Five Corners* than the tiresome farce of *Crazy People*) count for plenty. And the film carries a special, enchanted atmosphere; for if Marisa Tomei's delightful Caroline is clearly the girl next door, Slater's Adam, with his childhood stories of being given a baboon's heart, never shakes off a fairy-tale aura.

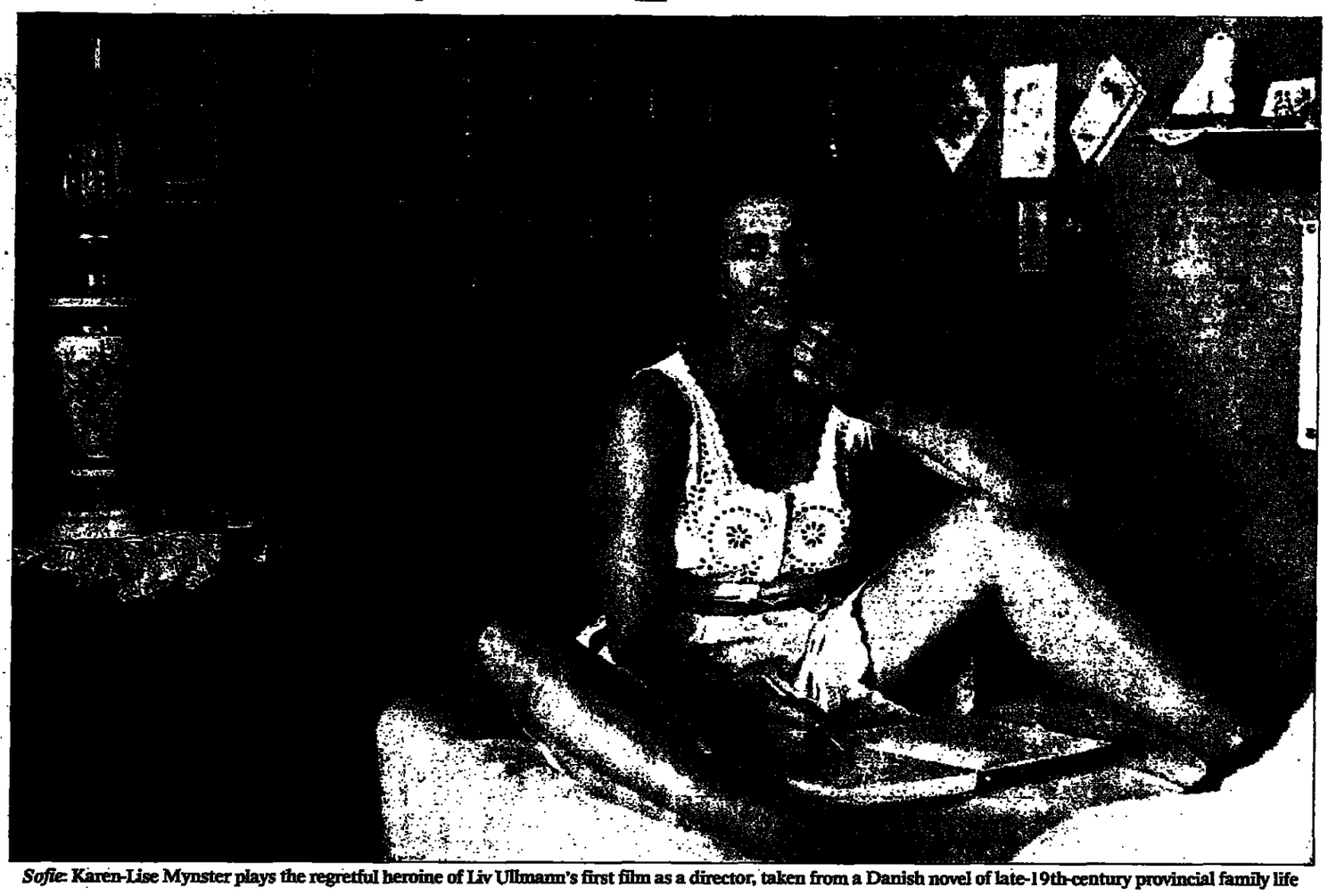
"I'm going to fall in love with you," he murmurs quietly. "You don't have to love me back." These may not be the most romantic lines in Hollywood history, but there is a force and sincerity to *Untamed Heart* that can still generate genuine tears. Modestly budgeted, indifferently promoted by its distributors, this little jewel could easily slip away unnoticed. Don't let it.

There is not much chance of a quiet release for **Army of Darkness**. Say the subtitle, *Evil Dead III*, and the director's name, Sam Raimi, and a queue of young gore-lovers will form immediately. But at least Raimi is giving his believers something other than the last two *Evil Deads* combined and re-heated.

Abandoning his usual demon-infested forest cabin, Bruce Campbell's hero Ash is whisked back to England in 1300 for a blood-soaked parody that seeks to blend Raimi's trademark mayhem with *A Connecticut Yankee at the Court of King Arthur*. There Campbell stands, enjoyably deadpan, with his Remington rifle, chainsaw arm, '73 Oldsmobile and modern lingo. Around him are ranged knights and damsels spouting thees and thous, and an army of skeletons raised from their beds after Ash forgets the last crucial word in a magic spell.

There is little here to horrify. Instead, Raimi batters us with wild visual gags and extravagant effects, like the malevolent Ash miniatures released from the shards of a shattered mirror, or the battling skeletons that explode and crack wise ("I have a bone to pick with you"). For a while the barrage exhilarates. But even the most dedicated viewer may weary of a lively film that never knows quite when to shut up and stop.

Sofie
Curzon Mayfair, 15
Untamed Heart
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Sofie: Karen-Lise Mynster plays the regretful heroine of Liv Ullmann's first film as a director, taken from a Danish novel of late-19th-century provincial family life

Sidney Lumet's 38th film, **Close to Eden**, also known as *A Stranger Among Us*, shoots itself in the foot by casting Melanie Griffith, little girl squeak and all, as a gun-toting New York detective. It then shoots itself in the other foot by immersing Melanie in a golden-hued Hasidic community to solve the murder of a Diamond District jeweller and the theft of stones worth $720 million.

"You wouldn't believe the things I've seen," she keeps telling these gentle Jews. Yet they are nothing to what audiences witness as Melanie goes undercover and mingles souls with Eric Thal, handsome and devout, who is, we are told, "to Jewish learning what Mozart was to music". Credit Robert J. Averech with the trite, condescending script, which fails on all counts as thriller, love story and Hasidic rhapsody. As for the veteran professional Sidney Lumet, son of Yiddish theatre luminary Baruch Lumet, he should hang his head in shame.

Warning for tourists in Washington State: avoid all contact with men who wear corduroy jackets, talk through their teeth, look like Jeff Bridges and have a chloroformed handkerchief at the ready. Otherwise, you will be in for **The Vanishing**, a sub-Hitchcock tale of cat-and-mouse suspense.

The director George Sluizer made a successful Dutch version in 1988. His American remake boasts an intriguing beginning and a crowd-pleasing finale; but in between there are major plot holes and only minor thrills in Kiefer Sutherland's hunt to trace the fiancée who disappeared from a roadside rest stop. "I do admire his perseverence," Bridges mutters as the forlorn Sutherland puts up fly-posters year after year. A round of applause for the audience's, too.

TELEVISION REVIEW

Children who need a health warning

Even the authors of nutrition articles in women's magazines must have twigged by now that the anti-social, often savage, behaviour of some children can't all be blamed on the preservatives and fake colourings you find in kiddies' jelly. When two ten-year-olds were charged with murdering the Liverpool toddler James Bulger, the shock refired a debate about whether violent people, and rosy-cheeked children in particular, are born evil or have evil thrust upon them.

With the devil in our own backyard, Britain stopped tut-tutting incredulously at how it was that Serbs who were only recently helping their neighbours to rig up bookshelves, were now matter-of-factly raping their neighbours' daughters. Last night's **Inside Story: Children Who Kill** (BBC1) looked at one of four centres in this country that not only imprison murderous children but also hope to rehabilitate them so that when they return to society and happen to get a bee in their bonnet, they don't also pull a Smith and Wesson from their pocket.

To achieve such a transformation, the people who run the Aycliffe Special Unit in County Durham have to believe that Tony (who tried to murder his parents), Stephen (who hammered a man's head with an iron bar), and Michelle (who set a man ablaze with a paraffin bomb), owe their pre-teen savagery to a neglected upbringing or parental maltreatment rather than to innate evil. Do they?

Aycliffe's director, Dr Masud Hoghughi, is certain the children are treatable: "They're seen as beasties. They're seen as some peculiar embodiment of evil. But they really aren't that. They're children. They're children who happen to have significant difficulties, that happen to be seriously troubled."

Most of the children, who look pretty much like other 12-year-olds you see doing nothing naughtier than sneaking a family-pack of Mars bars into their parents' food trolleys at Sainsbury's, are serving sentences under Section 53 of the Children's and Young Person's Act 1933. Had they committed their crimes when they were old enough to need a change of razor every few days rather than every few months, they would have attracted sentences of at least 14 years.

The documentary makers, Jo Clinton Davis and Dominic Ozanne, were not offering conclusions. Instead, they settled for letting their subjects paint a picture so black it made Sylvia Plath sound jaunty. Smiles that spread across the faces of well-behaved inmates when they hear they have earned a stroll outside the compound were contrasted with a statement from one therapist, who reckons that places such as Aycliffe have only modest success in making mice out of monsters.

The camera lingers while Michelle, sentenced to life imprisonment at 15 for what the headline writers called a "Fireball Murder", details her passion for animal jigsaws: "I'm very fond of whales and dolphins. Now, people are destroying them, to use them just for make-up . . . I know it sounds funny, but when one animal dies, a part of me dies." This jars, coming from a murderer. It sounds less odd when you recall that Hitler was a vegetarian who wept to see a lobster tossed into a pot. Is this schizophrenic attitude to taking life something in your genes, or do you soak it up in kindergarten?

With no answers, the programme's mood was one of helplessness: nobody is sure what makes children kill, nor whether they can be cured, and the young murderers feel that life has dealt them a shoddy hand. Michelle, asked what the future holds, replies: "Nothing. Darkness. Nothing. No light at the end of the tunnel. It's just as if you were going through the tunnel for miles and miles and miles. There's nothing at the end. You never ever come to an end."

JOE JOSEPH

When you dance together, you can't fight each other

As the film *Swing Kids* opens, **Laura Thompson** reports that swing-era contact dancing, central to the plot, is back in fashion

The huge revival of interest in dance crazes of the Thirties, Forties and Fifties is epitomised by the arrival in the West End tomorrow of the film *Swing Kids*. Set in the Germany of 1939, it focuses on three dance-obsessed teenagers who use their passion for American swing-band music and American fashions as a signal of their resistance to the conformity imposed by the Hitler Youth movement. Kenneth Branagh appears, though regrettably not in a dancing role, and the soundtrack includes a host of classics from Benny Goodman, Count Basie and other swing-era giants.

Swing Kids is just one symptom of the dance-revivalist fever sweeping through films and live events. For instance, there is a scene in *Malcolm X* — perhaps the most exciting in the film — in which the young, zoot-suited Malcolm takes to the floor of a Harlem ballroom and struts his stuff amid a glorious abundance of jiving couples.

It is one of cinema's best dance sequences, for it transmits the way in which dance can be an expression of the love of life. It conveys, too, the particular joy of jive dancing — those liberating twirls, those wild leaps and lifts, that perfect union in which one is both dependent upon and free of one's partner — a joy which was lost to people during the discotheque decades of the 1960s and 1970s, but which is now being rediscovered by a growing number of people.

Among the beautiful dancers on the floor in *Malcolm X* was a 27-year-old from east London called Ryan François. It is he who has pioneered the revival in Britain of jive dancing, or, more precisely, of "lindyhop" (after Charles Lindbergh), the dance from which came the simpler jive and jitterbug. "I've seen it right from the beginning," says François. "When I started, there wasn't any lindyhop here."

Black American jazz dancing, dancing for social as well as performance purposes, for couples as well as for self-expression, is perhaps one of the great unrecognised art forms of the century. All the dances are "branches of one tree" — lindyhop developed from the charleston and the cakewalk — but, says François, lindy is the most sophisticated, the best of them all.

Perhaps this is because it evolved via competition: couples would dance against each other on the floor, thus inspired to ever wilder and more wondrous improvisations. Indeed it was the desire to prove himself the finest lindyhopper in New York that first led a man to throw his partner up over his head, an extraordinary feat in the 1930s, now so familiar from all those pale imitators whooping their way through 1950s "youth" movies.

The first man to fling his woman about was Frankie Manning, now 79, and it is from him that François has learnt the true nature of black lindyhop. François stumbled upon the dance at the age of 18, when a group at his school decided to try to learn it from watching lindy-hoppers in old films. He was completely untrained, but he was soon dancing in another sphere from his cohorts. Now, he is the World Swing Dance Champion (he and his partner won the title in New York earlier this year).

François formed his own touring company, Zoots and Spangles, when he was 21. He helped with the choreography of *Malcolm X*, and is assistant choreographer on *Swing Kids*. François also teaches his artform to an extraordinary mixture of enthusiasts who come every Wednesday night to dream and swing in a hall beside Notre Dame church, off Leicester Square.

Watching the class, it is hard to connect this motley crowd of flat-foots, hunched as if over walking frames, spinning and twisting as if caught in medieval torture vices, with their sublimely fleet and stylish teacher. I took a class and found myself strung from the hand of a charmless building-society worker, six foot five inches tall and refusing to bend from the waist, as the dance demands.

That finished me with lindyhop. But those with more character receive their reward when the class is over. Then the Notre Dame hall becomes a pre-war palais full of people who shimmer with happiness, who are liberated from their lives — whether it be that of a salesman, bank-clerk, window dresser, literary agent, barrister, they are all there — by the dance of an age in which people still communicated in one of the simplest and most powerful ways.

ALAN WELLER



Lindyhopping, 1993 style: at Notre Dame hall, central London

"There's so much distrust in all parts of our society today, that to go back to the old-fashioned notion of dancing with a partner actually instils better values in people in general," François asserts. "People smile, they co-operate with each other, they have respect for each other, trust, support, you name it.

"People should dance together much, much more. That's what's wrong with the world," he says, not entirely ironically. "There'd be less war, I tell you."

● Swing Kids, *which will be reviewed here next week, opens tomorrow at the Odeon Haymarket; Zoots and Spangles perform at the Theatre Royal Stratford East, London E15 on July 18.*

Meet Sir Peter Hall

Times Theatre Club members have an exclusive invitation to an evening with Sir Peter Hall at the Old Vic Theatre next Monday (7.45pm). For just £18, they will see a performance of Sir Peter's latest staging: Aristophanes' comedy *Lysistrata*, in a brilliant new translation by Ranjit Bolt. And after the performance, the Theatre Club has arranged for Sir Peter to talk to members about this daring production and his distinguished career.

To obtain tickets for this exclusive evening, members should call the Times Theatre Club booking line on 071-413 1412.

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

LONDON

ROYAL BALLET: The company ends its 1992-93 season with the final performance of a triple bill that includes Glen Tetley's *La Ronde*, a 50-minute one-acter, based on Schnitzler's play about sexual intrigues in turn-of-the-century Vienna. On the same bill are Balanchine's *Prodigal Son* and de Valois's *Checkmate*.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066), 7.30pm.

BARCLAYS NEW STAGES: The Jiving Lindy Hoppers capture the spirit of swing dance in *Echoes of Harlem*, exploring dance forms that emerged from Harlem. With live music performed by a five-piece jazz combo.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm, workshop, Sat, 11am-12.30pm.

ALI: A one-man *tour de force* by Geoffrey C. Ewing on the bold and brave life of Mohammad Ali. The fight sequences are staged by Ali's old sparring partner Ron Lipton.
Mermaid, Puddle Dock, Blackfriars, EC4 (071-410 0000). Previews from tonight, 8pm, opens Mon, 7pm, then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 3pm.

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: André Previn conducts Stucky's *Son et Lumière*, Strauss's Four Last Songs (with the soprano Cheryl Studer as the soloist) and Vaughan Williams's Fifth Symphony.
Barbican Hall, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.30pm.

REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM: The American flugelhorn player **Art Farmer**, who came to prominence during the Fifties West Coast jazz scene playing with Gerald Wilson, Benny Carter and Dexter Gordon, begins a short residency.
Ronnie Scott's, Broad Street (021-643 4525), tonight-Sat, 7.30pm.

EAST MOLESEY: The BOC Covent Garden production of Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, conducted by Jane Glover, opens the **Hampton Court Palace Festival** of opera and classical music set among the gardens and tudor and baroque courtyards. Top of the bill is José Carreras giving two concerts on June 15 and 18. On Saturday *A Royal Fanfare*, with fireworks, pays tribute to the palace's regal past (repeated on June 19); and on Sunday, the English Chamber Orchestra performs Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*; with other performances next week by Montserrat Caballé (June 16) and the King's Consort (June 17).
Hampton Court Palace Festival (Booking through Ticketmaster: 071-344 4444/ group bookings: 071-413 3321).

NOTTINGHAM: Shots in the Dark, the international mystery and thriller festival, opens tonight with a gala screening of John Badham's new film *The Assassin*, with Bridget Fonda, Gabriel Byrne, Anne Bancroft and Harvey Keitel. The festival covers such diverse subjects as lighthearted comic crime, femmes fatales and crime writing, and special guests are John McNaughton and Quentin Tarantino. The closing gala is a screening of a new British film, Danny Cannon's *The Young American*, starring Harvey Keitel.
Shots in the Dark (box office, 0602 526611), until June 20.

HULL: Director Deborah Warner made her operatic debut with this staging of *Wozzeck*, Berg's grimly compelling treatment of Büchner's 1837 drama, performed in a new English translation by the **Opera North** company. Andrew Shore sings the title role, Vivian Tierney is Marie. Paul Daniel conducts.
New Theatre, Kingston Square (0482 226655), 7.15pm.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: Jane Lapotaire, Simon Russell Beale and John Carlisle in Katie Mitchell's production of *Ghosts*. Sounds good.
The Other Place (0789 295623). Opens tonight, 7pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◧ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **THE BEGGAR'S OPERA:** John Caird's boisterous production. David Burt is the dashing highwayman.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm. 195mins.

◧ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

◧ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC:** Robert Lindsay as the nasally challenged hero: final performances.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 170mins.

□ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA:** Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

□ **AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER:** Back again for an eight-week season, comic fantasies among the football-watching classes.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 120mins.

◧ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON:** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

□ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND:** Anna Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Nicky Henson in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama: final performances.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins.

◧ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

□ **THE INVISIBLE MAN:** A rather plodding adaptation becomes breathtaking when the magic tricks take over the action.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK:** Sound and steady production from the Gate Theatre, Dublin. Anita Reeves is an admirable Juno at war with unusually horrid menfolk.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

□ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of troubled Americans.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins.

□ **LEONARDO:** The young master's supposed love for Lisa turned into a musical: great sets but daft story.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm and Sat, 4.30pm. 165mins.

□ **MACBETH:** An idiosyncratic performance by Alan Howard in Richard Eyre's murky production.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm. 140mins.

□ **ON A LEVEL:** The seven black actresses of the BiBi Crew in a sassy revue buzzing with jokes and clever take-offs.
Theatre Royal Stratford East, Gerry Raffles Square, E15 (081-534 0310). Tues-Sat, 8pm, Sun, 7pm. 150mins.

◧ **ON THE PISTE:** John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

□ **THE TAMING OF THE SHREW:** Galumphing version of this politically incorrect, so-called comedy. Cathy Tyson plays Kate.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Mon-Sat, 8pm. From June 16 in repertoire with Judi Dench's production of *Romeo and Juliet*.

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) □ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ◧ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ◧ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ◧ **It Runs in the Family:** Playhouse (071-839 4401) ◧ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◧ **Kiss of the Spider Woman:** Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ◧ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◧ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ◧ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... □ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... □ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **FALLING DOWN** (18): White-collar American (Michael Douglas) goes on the rampage. Controversial drama that imitates society's sores to no good purpose. Robert Duvall, Barbara Hershey, director, Joel Schumacher.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

FRAUDS (15): Insurance man Phil Collins plays devilish games with a suburban couple. Wearisome, over-designed Australian fantasy, a first film by Stephan Elliott.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574)

JAMON, JAMON (18): Juvenile sexual frolic with unfulfilled pretensions from Catalan director Bigas Luna.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

MAP OF THE HUMAN HEART (15): A love triangle jumps across years, continents and cultures. Visually bracing but muddled drama from cinematic explorer Vincent Ward. With Jason Scott Lee, Patrick Bergin, Anne Parillaud.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

CURRENT

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

◆ **COP AND A HALF** (PG): Pipsqueak kid joins Florida detective Burt Reynolds on a case. Inane action comedy, directed by Henry Winkler.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **INDECENT PROPOSAL** (15): Sex, greed and Robert Redford: a potent mixture, though Adrian Lyne's film gets sillier scene by scene. With Demi Moore.
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

MADAME BOVARY (PG): Claude Chabrol adapts Flaubert: annoyingly dull, despite Isabelle Huppert as the bored provincial wife.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

MEDITERRANEO (15): Misfit soldiers forget the second world war on a Greek island outpost. Affectionate, well-acted, light as air. Director, Gabriele Salvatore.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

◆ **PASSENGER 57** (15): A psychotic terrorist hijacks a plane, but Wesley Snipes saves the day. Breezy revival of the *Airport* format, with Bruce Payne. Director, Kevin Hooks.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031)

LONDON THEATRE: Two revivals and a double helping of the avant-garde

Play that still packs a punch

A Day in the Death of Joe Egg
King's Head, Islington



DONALD COOPER

Elizabeth Garvie and Clive Owen: kept together yet divided by a child

IN THE programme notes, Peter Nichols writes apologetically about the blackish comedies that have followed where his *Joe Egg* led. The blind, deaf-mutes, sterility, mastectomy, cancer: "every handicap has its hilarious smash hit, each with its hard jokes and soft centre, sucking up to its public in the approved style of funny boo-hoo." Well, I have yet to see a laugh-riot about mastectomy; but, even if it exists, Nichols should not feel too responsible. Even an uncertain revival, such as this, shows that *Joe Egg*, far from being sentimental and ingratiating, is a play that makes you think while you feel and feel while you think, in each case about a subject of major concern.

If anything, it is of more concern than in 1967, when amniocentesis did not exist, abortion was mostly confined to the back streets, doctors found it harder indefinitely to prolong life, and euthanasia was, happily, not on the European agenda. What should be done for and with such as Jo, Brian and Sheila's profoundly damaged child? Were Nichols writing about her today, I suspect he would introduce more science into the dramatic equation. But his play still seems impressively complete, looking as it does at a "human vegetable" in terms of metaphysics, nappy-changing and plenty in between.

Moreover, it does so without venturing out of Bri and Sheila's troubled living room. He wants Jo in a home; she won't hear of it. He has renounced all hope of improvement; she clings to the memory of the day, nine years ago, when Jo summoned up the intelligence to knock over a pile of coloured bricks. She regards him, rightly, as immature: he sees her, also rightly, as unrealistic. Either way, they mask their feelings by pretending that the figure sightlessly slumped in her wheelchair is the sort of wayward, demanding daughter everybody else seems to have. It gradually becomes clear that Jo is keeping them together yet driving them apart.

Clive Owen, a nervous, driven Bri, and Elizabeth Garvie, an earnest, responsible Sheila, missed too much of the pain on opening night. Even when the games and the jokes stopped, and she started remembering those toy bricks, the emotional temperature stayed several degrees lower than the literal one on what was, admittedly, a hideously steamy evening. But they kept the play banging entertainingly along, whether they were spoofing inept doctor or glacial consultants for the benefit of the audience, or coping with visitors who ran the gamut of insensitivity.

Here is the play's weakness. Most friends would be less unsubtle than Freddie, the smug do-gooder who wants Jo institutionalised, or his wife Pam, the genteel Hitlerite who would happily see her killed for research purposes. And if each of them too obviously represents an attitude Nichols thinks we should hear, Bri's mum has no reason for venturing into the living room except to bait the self-doubting Sheila by combatively infantilising her husband.

Yet despite that, despite the inadequacies of Lisa Forrell's cast, *Joe Egg* is clearly a modern classic, and would merit a major revival. If you doubt its pull, watch Katey Kastin's frail Jo embodying her mother's fantasies by suddenly skipping and singing across the stage, like any ten-year-old Jane or Jill. Is there a more touching moment in contemporary drama? I don't know it.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

A vision recreated

In Lambeth
Lyric Studio, Hammersmith

FOUR years after its first London production, Jack Shepherd's immensely attractive play is revived by Triptych Theatre, a company founded last year by the director of the present production, Jonathan Church, and the actor and actress who play Tom Paine and Mrs William Blake.

Shepherd notches up three remarkable achievements in this 90-minute work. First, he gives us a portrait of true marital bliss in the mutual devotion of young Mr and Mrs Blake. Second, he creates the wherewithal for Tom Bowles (like Michael Maloney before him) to present William as an absolutely believable visionary, holding conversation with an archangel and later with us, two hundred years in the future, whom he addresses with the same easy familiarity he earlier showed to the emissary from heaven. Third, he makes a difference of opinion as to the relative importance of revolution and revelation, not only stimulating in itself, but the means to display the personalities of his two disputants.

Tom Paine, radical pamphleteer in danger of his life from Pitt's agents, takes refuge in William Blake's Lambeth garden and finds himself in a haven of relative peace and relatively fruitful conversation. The two Blakes have been sitting in the branches of a tree, quite naked until she puts on a wide straw hat, and the haunting innocence of this opening scene charges the whole play with a sense of the unearthly. It is an Edenic image, of a paradise this side of the grave, yet it is also charmingly comical. The matter-of-fact talk about visiting angels; Catherine Blake's suggestion that she should step indoors now to make a cup of tea; eventually Paine's stammering confusion — while never forgetting the propriety required of a guest — on being confronted with a couple in a condition so unexpected he cannot bring himself to name it: Shepherd's invention here is marvellously assured and Church's able direction allows the comedy its quirky, humanising role.

Bowles plays the fervent Blake, arguing for personal change, as ably as he shows the rapt visionary. Honest and fearless, impulsive and lovable, words helter-skelter from him as though newly coined in his brain. Paine is, for the most part, a less showy role, but Terence Beesley gives him a wealth of body language to suggest the courtesy striving with convictions, and the two play together superbly, in appearance a travelled gentleman and a country scholar, politely locating the limits of their likeness to one another.

Jules Melvin, after some initial stiffness in the tree, plays the devoted cockney wife with a grace and ease of manner that makes one think her husband had her face in mind when he wrote of "the lineaments of gratified desire". David Blight's painted tree, spreading above and below the ground, is astonishing.

JEREMY KINGSTON

One hit and one to miss

Emanuelle Enchanted/ Spam
Royal Court and Theatre Upstairs

SOMEBODY is frantically stripping down to their underwear. Somebody else is grabbing any old item off the clothes rack and pulling it on without even stopping to do up the zip. People are careering in from left and right, holding out torn cardboard placards on which are scrawled such things as "Miss Deaf America", "A Telepath (age 12)" and "Rachel (Bleeding)". Meanwhile, centre-stage, somebody is running desperately on the spot, racing against a blaring, high-velocity electronic beat.

It is a real sweat to keep up. The members of Forced Entertainment Theatre Cooperative speak of the frenzied havoc of the metropolis and their theatrical language mimics the garbled messages of post-modernity. Tim Etchells's text for **Emanuelle Enchanted** is all non-sequiturs. He chops between sound-bites of new-speak, biblical phrases, computer talk and advertising slogans, and poetry about magic and the stars. The effect is akin to hurrying through city streets faced with a barrage of media information and fleeting human encounters, rummaging through somebody's memories, or television channel-hopping for an hour-and-a-half.

Emanuelle Enchanted can be exhausting and obscure. Etchells, as director, needs to edit out some sections. During rough patches, terms such as pretentious and self-indulgent spring to one's pursed lips. A handful of audience members were even springing to their feet, straddling rows of seats and making for the exits.

Actually, though, given time, the piece's elusiveness shifts into suggestiveness. By refusing to spoon-feed the audience or pacify them with visual prettiness, *Emanuelle Enchanted* stimulates spectators into helping themselves. It makes them search for their own connections and meanings amongst the cryptic fragments. This is an unusually thought-provoking work, though emotionally it is a touch disingenuous. The piece can be touching and very funny, but it is neither with sufficient frequency.

One can be bored or flummoxed, but that is part of Forced Entertainment's agenda. It owes much to avant-garde companies such as The Wooster Group and the intriguingness can wear thin. Nevertheless, this is courageously radical, intelligent, provocative work. The Royal Court deserves congratulations for putting it on the main stage.

On the other hand, the Court should suffer hellish torments for giving Pants Performance Association the time of day. Making those responsible sit through **Spam** would probably suffice. This seems to be an experiment in just how atrocious a piece of theatre it is possible to produce. Five men in drab T-shirts and shorts indulge in intentionally lame pastiches of disco routines and run between two benches shouting "A, B, C, D, 1, 2, 3, A, C". They spend an excruciating ten minutes learning a song one note at a time, and repeatedly read out a score that goes "jump, hop, skip", half-heartedly enacting each instruction.

It's cause for lament that this was selected above other entries for Barclays New Stages, and an absurdity that the audience did not unceremoniously debag the cast.

KATE BASSETT

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Dear Peter ... Yours, Peter


Palumbo: grave concern

The Arts Council faces radical overhaul. Millions may be lopped from its budget, and it is braced to lose up to 70 per cent of its staff. A major review of its role, commissioned by the government and published last Friday, proposes sweeping changes. Some in the Arts Council suspect that the heritage department plans to usurp its functions.

Lord Rix, the drama panel chairman, has resigned in protest. He said the Arts Council had been "defecated on from a great height". Dozens of companies fear that their grants will be axed.

Against this background Lord Palumbo, chairman of the Arts Council, yesterday sent this letter to Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary.

I am writing to express my grave concern at the consequences that will follow the projected cut to the arts by the government in the years 1994 to 1996. These cuts would create unavoidable job losses; reduce productivity and quality standards; deplete audience attendance and, therefore, box office receipts, with a consequent loss to the Exchequer of value-added tax and invisible earnings. This is the stark reality of the situation.

Moreover, the arts represent one of the few areas in this nation's affairs which can be counted an unqualified success during the last few years: one of the few areas which generate a two-fold return for every pound of taxpayers' money invested in them. Can it really be the intention of the government to penalise such success? And if so, on what grounds? Surely not those alleged to emanate from the Treasury based upon the ludicrous proposition that because the arts have done reasonably well (by their standards) in the last three pay settlements, it is time for them to endure three lean years.

Those tourists and potential investors from countries abroad whose perception of Great Britain is based in no small measure upon the quality of the culture that we provide across all art forms, will also feel deprived by the unnecessary restriction of their enjoyment, and the figures will bear witness to this loss to the economy.

I have taken the view, with my colleagues on the Arts Council, that to offer equal misery to all next year by reducing all grants by 2 per cent in money terms would force a number of organisations to close and many others into programmes of work severely restricted in quality and quantity. Even to maintain the position as it is we will need at least a 2 per cent increase on this year's grant. On current projections we are about £10 million adrift of this.

The need to make cuts on this scale is a matter of considerable concern to all who care about the arts in this country. Each of the following is an example of what £10 million buys at present in the arts:

- The total Arts Council funding to all eight non-BBC symphony orchestras in England plus the London Sinfonietta and the Northern Sinfonia.
- More than the total Arts Council funding to the Royal Shakespeare Company; and almost the total going to the Royal National Theatre or English National Opera.
- Total Arts Council funding of opera in England outside London — from small companies like the City of Birmingham Touring Opera to the middle-scale, such as English Touring Opera, to the whole operation of Opera North and Welsh National Opera's extensive work in England.
- Total Arts Council funding to more than 20 major regional producing theatres — including the Manchester Royal Exchange, the Sheffield Crucible, the Birmingham Rep and the Leicester Haymarket.
- More than 75 per cent of the total funding of the Welsh Arts Council.
- The total funding — both direct from the Arts Council and channelled through the regional arts boards, going to the southern and south-west regions of England.

I am not suggesting, of course, that any of these areas would be singled out for cuts. But each of them illustrates the scale of the cuts which will be necessary if current thinking is not reversed.

At £10 million the sum involved to keep the arts on the standstill basis is derisory in terms of the nation's total budget. To confirm the reduction of this amount will create misery and depress morale throughout the country.

In my view it would be a thoroughly foolhardy and short-sighted policy to pursue, and I know that you will use your every endeavour to persuade the chief secretary to the Treasury in the forthcoming negotiations to reverse the projected reduction in subsidy.

I am, as always, at your disposal to give you whatever help I can in that general context.


Brooke: £10m threat

ARCHITECTURE: Is it a theatre? Is it a concert hall? Yes to both. **Marcus Binney** on a remarkable Californian arts centre

Going through another stage

British theatre expertise is the mainspring of the world's most advanced theatre, which opened recently in California. The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts can change overnight from a 900-seat drama theatre into a 2,000-seat concert hall. In all, five configurations are possible, each looking so much like a permanent installation it is hard to believe you are in the same space.

The new city of Cerritos is 20 minutes' drive east from downtown Los Angeles. If the name is not familiar, it's hardly surprising: 30 years ago you would have found 100,000 cows and hardly a single house there. Theatre Projects, the British consultancy, was called in to advise the city on the feasibility of building a theatre.

"We sent a questionnaire to all 17,000 households in the city," says David Staples, the managing director. "The response was not the usual 4 per cent but 40 per cent. Of course some said this was because there was nothing to do in Cerritos but fill in forms.

"People wanted a great variety of entertainment: Broadway musicals, orchestra, country and western, cabaret. Rather than build several auditoriums costing more than $100 million we recommended one theatre that could change to accommodate all the demands."

The cost came to $60 million (£40 million). Even so, how does a city of 60,000 find $1,000 a head for an arts centre, and more to run it? Part of Cerritos's newfound wealth derives from the world's most successful auto-mall: a glamorous shopping centre for cars with numerous dealers under one roof. The arts centre itself is part of a highly profitable 125-acre office and shopping development on virgin land bought by the city.

Theatre Projects had completed a smaller version of a changing auditorium at the Derngate Centre in Northampton. But in Cerritos, says Jerry Godden, the project director, "the whole design team put its head on the block".

> 'Rather than build several auditoriums we recommended one theatre that could change'

The principle is simple enough: a large rectangular space in which the only fixed elements are the grand tier and upper tier at one end. The tiers of boxes along the sides can all be moved while those at the stage end can be made to vanish entirely.

Drama, the smallest configuration, has just three towers of boxes on either side angled inwards to create a horseshoe auditorium. Overnight, this can be changed into a 1,450-seat lyric theatre for musicals, ballet and modern dance; into an open-floored cabaret hall, or an events arena with seating on all four sides of a central platform.

To accommodate these changes the theatre has two separate proscenium arches and safety curtains as well as a vanishing orchestra pit for 80 musicians. The biggest change comes when it opens for concert or cabaret and the whole stage becomes part of the hall.

The boxes are moved on air casters: giant whoopee cushions filled with compressed air. Thirty of these, each a yard in diameter, can raise a seating tower weighing 125 tons.

It takes ten people about ten hours to change from one format to another. In that time, elegant boxes can replace the bare walls and fly ropes of the backstage, a panelled ceiling can be folded down across the fly tower and dozens of rows of seats can be stored beneath the stage.

The actual design of the theatre, as opposed to the concept and the technology, is the work of Barton Myers, the leading post-modern architect who worked mainly from Toronto until he recently settled in the Hollywood hills. Myers has made a name as a theatre architect, and recently won the competition for a new arts centre in Newark, New Jersey.

Here, Myers has taken full advantage of an open site and developed a novel architectural language, appropriately festive for a theatre, with a romantic skyline of flagpoles and pennants by day, and magical lighting — within and without — at night. He has created a freeform composition of powerful geometric shapes, making a virtue of the bulk of the fly tower.

The richness of the design lies above all in colour. "I'm a great fan of Owen Jones and his colour schemes for the Crystal Palace," Myers says.

The city masterplan had stipulated the use of red stone, but instead of the orange-hued granite used on adjoining offices Myers went for a lustrous Indiana limestone, as rich as porphyry. Sparkle is added by panels of geometric tower work also used to highlight the repeating pyramid roofs.

"I wanted to celebrate a southern Californian tradition inherited from Hispanic and Mexican architecture," Myers says.

Inside, the foyer is a dramatic space in the tradition of the staircase at the Paris Opéra, with a hanging staircase bursting out of one side. It is surrounded by four levels of colonnades. In fact it is in large part a stage set, for behind half the columns there are no floors.

The courtyard theme is repeated in the auditorium. "The detailing of boxes in theatres is usually taken from outdoor architecture," Myers says. "They are balconies overlooking a plaza. There's a feeling that boxes are undemocratic but I use them because they produce intimacy."

Further lustre is added to the interior by the brass torches on the fronts of the boxes, creating pinpricks of light like candelabra and an atmosphere almost like that of a 17th-century theatre. A further touch of sophistication is added by the harlequin fabric on the seats, rather than the usual plush.

The arts centre has a subsidy of $2 million a year and the city meets all the bills for the utilities. The ticket revenue is expected to cover the cost of the artists. But 50,000 tickets have already been sold on subscription, and an impressive rota of front-of-house volunteers has been built up.

WOLFGANG SIMON


Table service: in ten hours, ten men can change the Cerritos auditorium into any of five configurations — in this case, for cabaret

OPERA: Monteverdi combats modern shortcomings; the men strike back in Puccini's Paris

Dry ice clouds period detail

Orfeo
Liceu, Barcelona

THE new production of *Orfeo* at the Gran Teatre del Liceu is an event: the first Monteverdi to be heard in the house, and the first airing there for period instruments — the Concert des Nations under its founder Jordi Savall.

The performance opened with the triple toccata played antiphonally from the stage boxes. Both players and conductor sported vaguely period costumes; Savall strode down the central aisle and, with his spade-beard and severe demeanour, it was almost as though the composer himself was directing the proceedings. The matinee audience was restless at first, but gradually it fell under the music's spell. The reception at the final curtain was certainly hugely appreciative.

The period feel extended to the stage. The proscenium opening was filled with panels of mirror, reflecting the auditorium. Half of it rose to reveal a stage-within-a-stage and beautifully painted representational sets by William Orlandi; the only disadvantage was that the disposition of flats and set pieces tended to send the voices up into the flies rather than out into the auditorium. No problems, though, with the excellent chorus (the Capella Real de Catalunya), grouped round the orchestra on the raised pit in front of the proscenium.

Orlandi's handsome costumes aimed at the 1600s but somehow inevitably ended up looking like Burne-Jones (no harm in that), but the sense of near-archeological reconstruction was compromised by bursts of dry ice on the Styx, a device unknown in 1607. Nadezhda Louchine's cheerfully Botticellian choreography did not quite avoid the impression of a Health and Beauty Class, any more than the choir's contributions did that of a choral society on best behaviour. In other words, there was a shortage of dramatic urgency, fatal in Monteverdi and mainly attributable to Savall's over-reverent conducting — infinitesimal pauses between musical paragraphs, deliberate pacing of the recitatives.

But the production had been strongly cast, and despite the scarcity of native Italians the crispness of declamation was commendable. Mark Tucker is a practised Orfeo. Only occasionally in this 2,700-seat theatre did his comparatively underdeveloped lower register remind you how trickily written the role is in 20th-century terms, but his bronzed, eloquent tone gave constant pleasure.

There was an outstanding First Shepherd from the appropriately named Markus Schäfer, and both Bernarda Fink (Speranza) and Alison Browner (Proserpina) projected their words clearly on good, firm tone. Neither bass had the gravelly low notes for Pluto and Charon: the fact that both had to wear full masks was probably no help.

Jennifer Larmore sang the Messenger; hers is the sort of big, fruity voice that Liceu audiences are used to, but it was sad that in this of all roles her diction should have been so uncommunicative.

RODNEY MILNES

Strong on the palette

La Bohème
Covent Garden

IT WAS ladies night, Hilary Finch suggested, when *Bohème* returned to the Opera House at the end of last month. Both sopranos indeed cut powerful figures. Karita Mattila's Musetta swept all before her in the Cafe Momus act, a good-time girl with a large-scale voice, who can pot black with the best of them on the snooker table upstairs. Deborah Riedel's Mimi was artfully drawn, a prim needlewoman who quickly succumbs to every temptation Paris has to offer.

But the arrival in the cast of Thomas Hampson does much to adjust the balance of honours between the sexes. His Marcello is by far the most thoughtful of the Bohemians, even schoolmasterly as he orders Colline to cut his hair — Hampson's own is amply shoulder-length — or tells Mimi and Rodolfo that people of their sort should not try living together.

Hampson has no trouble in making Marcello's own attractions clear. His dark good looks make him the natural recipient of Musetta's past favours. And of course Marcello the painter has no problem in getting that girl to pose nude at the start of the last act. Why, she even gives him an affectionate pat when her job is done.

Hampson slides into John Copley's long-running production as easily as into a pair of well-worn slippers. His lustrous baritone, each word articulated with the lieder singer's care, was heard at its best in the Act IV duet with Rodolfo, a lament for loves lost.

Jerry Hadley's eager, Italianate poet, with some exquisite pianissimo singing, provides a natural foil to Hampson's more introverted figure. The pair have often worked together before, giving rise to a stream of Tom and Jerry jokes, and it shows. This is a double-act well worth catching.

The only cloud over a generally excellent *Bohème* is shaped by the excitable arms of Daniel Oren in the pit. He attacks the opera as though unleashing himself on one of Korngold's more lurid Hollywood scores. The singers have quite a lot to put up with.

JOHN HIGGINS

ROCK: A mixed bag of a show from Maria McKee

Take an axe to that piano

Maria McKee
Forum

A SHRIEK, a pair of maracas hoisted aloft, an urgent Bo Diddley-style beat and they were off. The song, "East Of Eden", was an old number by Lone Justice, the group Maria McKee fronted for six years before stepping out to begin a solo career in 1987.

And, with three of the other four former members of Lone Justice once again behind her on stage, it seemed as if she had at last found a setting in which her true talents could shine.

Looking younger than her 28 years, wearing a diaphanous shirt and grey flannel trousers cut for a man, McKee strapped on a guitar and led the band into a rootsy, Carole King-Gerry Goffin song "I Can't Make It Alone". This was quickly followed by another cover version, "My Lonely Sad Eyes", a Van Morrison obscurity from his days with Them.

Both are numbers from her estimable new album, *You Gotta Sin To Get Saved*, and as the band settled into the smouldering groove of "I Forgive You" — McKee trading staccato, gospel harmonies with Susan Otten, the rhythm guitarist — a rousing evening looked to be in prospect.

Unfortunately, she lost the plot at about the time she first sat down at the piano. Calling imperiously for a bottle of water, she launched into the descending intro to "My Girlhood Among The Outlaws" without bothering to count in the band. They were left to fall into step, with ragged good humour, as the first verse got underway.

There followed a lengthy stretch of slow songs, most of which did not quite gel. Marvin Etzioni abandoned his bass guitar for a mandolin at the start of "This Property Is Condemned" and did not pick it up again for all of three numbers, by which time the sound had become curiously unglued.

Violinist Tammy Rogers came on during "Breathe", but her efforts were submerged in the mix.

McKee has good songs at her disposal and a wonderful voice, a strong, piercing tone leavened by a pleasing undercurrent of emotional wear and tear.

But given her rather brattish personality, one might hazard a guess that she is not a person who finds it easy to take direction. What this show lacked most was a clear sense of purpose.

After the sag in the middle, while her deep and meaningful artiste credentials were being established, she suddenly cranked up her guitar to produce the kind of dodgy old garage band sound she and Lone Justice were making eight years ago.

She brought the show to an inappropriately raucous climax with "Sister Anne", "You Gotta Sin To Be Saved" and "Ways To Be Wicked", the Tom Petty song for which Lone Justice are probably best remembered in this country.

Accompanying herself on piano again for a final encore of "Has He Got A Friend For Me", McKee wound up a show which, for all its merits, suffered from too many sudden shifts of gear and unconvincing mood swings.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Stick your nose into The Times Magazine, and you could be sticking it into all sorts of things. Many and varied are the delights waiting to be uncorked in The Times Magazine on Saturday.



THE TIMES

Saving the imps of fame from their own folly

Victoria Glendinning finds a new consensus that the royal family has overestimated the "doggy devotion" of the British

THE END OF THE HOUSE OF WINDSOR
By Stephen Haseler
I. B. Tauris, £14.95

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By James Whitaker
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By Arthur Edwards
Blake, £14.99

After Andrew Morton, the deluge. Even the trashiest of these books have a significance. No longer celebratory, as such offerings were a decade ago, they represent the bottom end of a debate about reform or abolition that is, after the Times/Charter 88 forum, firmly on the national agenda.

James Whitaker's is mostly about himself, as is Arthur Edwards's. These royal snoopers are getting off on a spurious intimacy with their prey. But their evidence of tip-offs, engineered scoops, strategic leaks and competition for press attention on the part of some of the Queen's children and their spouses, reveals the symbols between the media and royalty. Those who blame the press are barking up the wrong tree. Some explosive stories are voluntarily spiked by tabloid editors. Most of these books, too, respect a few ancient taboos, out of fear or favour. For example, a particularly private section of the tape of Diana talking with James Gilbey has been axed from all transcriptions.

But even the Queen herself — described by most of these authors, their knees jerking in unison, as a model of rectitude — does not escape Lady Colin Campbell's lace-edged innuendo. Hers is quite the bitchiest book I have ever read. If even half of what she says is true, the phrase "the home life of our own dear Queen", not to mention her daughter's, takes on new meaning. I like the "revelation" that when the Prince of Wales is in the throes of passion he likes to be called "Arthur". Is the fantasy Excalibur, or Dudley Moore in a foam-bath, valeted by John Gielgud?

We do *not* have a specially awful set of royals. Royal behaviour has not changed. As A. N. Wilson says, being royal or aristocratic has always meant that you could be more sinful and self-indulgent than ordinary people, not less.

It is helpful to think of young royals as horses, and old royals as breeders and trainers. Royal marriages are like sending thoroughbreds to stud. When the heir, and maybe the spare, have been produced, both parties are free to canter off to fresh fields. Diana broke the code by not putting up with it. As Professor Stephen Haseler writes, she precipitated a crisis at a juncture when revelations of royal wealth and extravagance angered a population crippled by recession, and when "sovereignty" within a federal Europe became an inescapable issue.

Diana is, to quote Anthony Holden, "a vandalised icon, a betrayed innocent, or a manipulative hysteric", depending on your allegiance. According to Dempster and Evans, Charles was in a panic and wanted out before the marriage, while Diana was "very much in love". According to Lady Colin Campbell, Charles adored "this almost perfect girl", while she herself was in love with becoming the Princess of Wales. Whichever way you cut it, the love match of the century was, in Haseler's words, "always a joke" — at the sentimental public's expense. The Windsors, by fostering a fantasy of romance and probity, laid themselves open to the backlash.

Matthew Parris is quoted as saying that he would rather be ruled by people who make embarrassing phone calls than by people who tape them. Who wouldn't? But these are not the alternatives. The battle may, in the short term, be between Charles and Diana for "the hearts and minds of the British people" as Dempster and Evans suggest. The trouble is that the hearts and minds gallop in different directions. A. N. Wilson devotes most of his book to a critical analysis of the issues involved in the institution of monarchy, with a section on how Mrs Thatcher's premiership taught us subliminally that a "leader" does not have to be royal. Then, at the end, he collapses into an Arthurian foam-bath of sentiment about "pageantry" and the "killjoys" who would abolish what Holden, once the Prince's man, now sees as a Ruritanian idiocy — the royal Bargemaster, the Yeoman Bed Hanger, the Backstairs Sauce Chef, and Silver Stick-in-Waiting (currently Andrew Parker Bowles, no less).

Tony Benn has always argued for the republican cause by discussing principles, not personalities. Haseler does likewise. If you wish to see the republican position intelligently set out, his book is the one to read. Not that he writes well — his adjective for what he does not approve of is "deadly", his adjective for what he almost approves of is "cute".

Some consensus emerges from these books. There is consensus that the bugged tapes originated from the security services, whoever else had a hand in the airing of them. There is consensus about the anachronism of an established church that represents only part of the population, that allows the monarch to wed a Sikh or a Muslim but not a Roman Catholic, and that may be ready to betray its own doctrine and consecrate a divorced man. There is consensus that the advisers to the royal family are second-rate, and that they grossly overestimate, like their masters, Britain's doggy devotion.

More importantly, there is consensus that disillusion with the Windsors is part of a generalised anger about greed, or muddle, or incompetence, or corruption, in the Church of England, the Bank of England, the House of Commons, the BBC, the City, the press, the law courts, the police. If people had confidence in these, the monarchy might be sidelined — its best hope of survival. As A. N. Wilson writes — twice, in a badly edited book — people used not to be interested in the Queen "for the simple reason that she is not really interesting".

It is in our interests to remain interested. Lord Rees-Mogg, who wrote in this paper last week that "our modern British republicans are not the sort of people who make revolutions", has also quoted (in *The Literary Review*), with apparent acceptance, the Marxist view that "political and economic structures continue apparently unchanged until they break down, but when they do break down they do so suddenly, and often generate an explosive energy".

TONY WHITE



HM The Queen at Windsor during the fire, 21 November 1992

The bomb that Hitler ignored

David Sington

HEISENBERG'S WAR
The Secret History of the German Bomb
By Thomas Powers
Jonathan Cape, £20

The atom bomb, the invention that froze the world into the Cold War, was born of fear. Scientists in America rushed to develop it because they were terrified that their former colleagues in Germany were doing the same. The belief that they were in a deadly race with Hitler spurred them to transform the esoteric laboratory pursuit of nuclear physics into a project that by 1945 rivalled in size the entire American automobile industry. Yet, when in the last few weeks of the war in Europe Allied intelligence officers fanned out across the Reich, almost the only evidence they found of a Nazi atom bomb project was a small experimental reactor that had yet to go critical, hidden in a beer cellar beneath a village church in southern Germany.

Government-directed nuclear research started in Germany in September, 1939, some months ahead of similar work in Britain and America. Why then was there no German bomb? Over the years, answers to that question have tended to take one of two forms: German scientists wanted to make a bomb, but couldn't; or, alternatively, German scientists knew perfectly well how to make a bomb, but didn't want to. It is this latter explanation, first put forward by Robert Jungk in 1956 in *Brighter Than a Thousand Suns*, and recently retracted by him, that Thomas Powers seeks to resurrect in *Heisenberg's War*.

Powers argues that a small group of scientists at the heart of the *Uranverein* (Uranium Club), as the Wehrmacht's nuclear research programme was dubbed, did not want Hitler to win the war, and so effectively killed the project by concealing information from their military superiors and stressing the difficulties of making a bomb. Prominent among these conspirators were Germany's leading theoretical physicist, Werner Heisenberg (he of the famous Uncertainty Principle), and his protege and confidant, Carl Friedrich von Weizsäcker.

However, all the leading Geman scientists, including Heisenberg and Weizsacker, have at one time or another explicitly denied that there was any such conspiracy. When I interviewed Weizsäcker in September 1991 for the BBC documentary series *Horizon*, he again quite categorically stated that neither he nor Heisenberg had deliberately hampered German nuclear reseach. It is difficult to imagine what motive Weizsäcker could possibly have for denying that he resisted Hitler in this way, apart from an admirable desire to tell the truth.

Faced with these denials, Powers would need compelling evidence to make his case. Unfortunately, though he has discovered new and interesting material about Allied attempts to spy on and disrupt the German project, including the details of an OSS plan to assassinate Heisenberg, Powers has failed to unearth any significant new information about the project itself.

Instead he ties himself in knots trying to slant the existing evidence to support his preconceived thesis, and in the process ruins what could otherwise have been an excellent book.

The fate of the German atomic bomb was essentially decided in the early weeks of 1942. It was then that, on the basis of the laboratory research which it had been sponsoring for the previous two years, the Wehrmacht concluded that nuclear weapons could not be made in time to influence the outcome of the war. The project was therefore transferred to civilian control, under which Heisenberg and his colleagues continued small-scale reactor experiments until the end of the war.

Powers claims that Heisenberg effectively talked the military into this decision by being unduly pessimistic about the difficulties of making a bomb. Fortunately, his report is preserved in the archives, and so we know precisely what he said, and it does not support Powers's theory.

Heisenberg emphasised to the generals that atomic bombs would be explosives of "utterly unimaginable effect", but that producing them would take an enormous effort and at least two years. This was if anything too optimistic, and Heisenberg's assessment closely parallels that given to the American government by Allied scientists at about the same time.

Why, then, did the Americans and the Germans come to different conclusions? The answer lies not in optimism about the bomb, but in pessimism about the war. At the beginning of 1942 military commanders in America assumed that it would take several years to grind Germany down, giving both sides time to develop nuclear weapons. Among the German high command, on the other hand, it was an article of faith that, win or lose, Germany's growing shortage of vital raw materials would not allow them to sustain the war beyond 1943. So the fighting would be over before either side could make a bomb ready. Thus, the German nuclear project fell victim to a classic piece of short-termism.

This outcome was probably a great relief to Heisenberg. Pro-German but anti-Nazi, an all-out attempt to build atomic weapons would have faced him with a terrible dilemma: give Hitler nuclear bombs or leave his country at the mercy of American ones. After the war Heisenberg said that he was grateful that German scientists had been "spared" this moral decision. Powers would have us believe that Heisenberg's painfully honest refusal to take credit for something beyond his control was in fact a careful deception. His case is wholly unconvincing.

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Epitaph for a brave nuclear world

Norman Stone

ABLAZE
The story of Chernobyl
By Piers Paul Read
Secker & Warburg, £16.99

V. OBODZINSKI



Chernobyl, February 1991: in the central hall of the sarcophagus, years after the disaster, radiation is still lethal within three hours

There are two sides of the brain, and there are Two Cultures to match — the one, scientific, technically very demanding, and often quite inaccessible if you operate with the wrong half of the brain. The most immediately striking virtue of Piers Paul Read's account of Chernobyl is that he has made a serious effort to master the scientific side. Himself a writer of prodigious gifts, he cannot have found the technical side at all easy, but he expounds it clearly and to the benefit of anyone who knows how important the subject of nuclear physics is, but shrinks, in mature years, from the heavy pounding that needs to be done if we are to understand it.

For Chernobyl just *might* be a hint of terrible things to come. Nuclear energy has obvious attractions, and enlightened people thought that it would be a great force for progress — provided of course that its applications remained civilian. But as melt-downs occur in countries where things can go badly wrong, you wonder, and think: so "we like rats that ravin down their proper bane/and as we drink, we die". Read has written a brilliant account of the disaster — from its beginnings in faulty planning to the imprisonment of the guilty, or the scapegoats.

The old USSR was an almost insanely progressive place. It adopted anti-clericalism, and tried to create a New Soviet Man. Eugenics — race-improvement — was pursued almost as energetically as in Nazi Germany: one reason for preserving Lenin's brain was that so-called scientists wished to know how the thing had been assembled in order to be capable of so much: could it be cloned? There was an enlightened science policy — no more old-fashioned classical junk. In the schools, science and engineering were heavily promoted, along lines that some of the more naive spokesmen for British science would like us to adopt.

The result was that the country produced more scientists and engineers as a proportion of its population than any other. But they were often mediocre. And the sheer effort and size of the planning machinery that called them into existence were themselves a terrible obstacle to any sensible use of the technicians. We all know how disastrously wrong the big bureaucracies can go: when they make a mistake (and their record in this country is littered with mistakes, listed in John Redwood's *Great Planning Disasters*) it is reproduced on a large scale. In the Soviet Union, the comparable mistakes came on a gigantic scale, and to pay for them, the whole population became downtrodden and demoralised.

Chernobyl was an outstanding case in point. It was badly-sited, badly-designed, and it lacked proper safety procedures. There *had* been warnings as to its design and siting, but these warnings were not heeded, because Soviet nuclear physics had fallen into a condition of smugness, with sluggishness of thought reigning. How *could* the country go wrong in that respect, they wondered dismissively: after all it had its rockets and its moon-shots, and it had won the second world war where tsarist Russia had lost the first.

This was based on a misreading of Russian history. Soviet industrialisation, nuclear power and all, was not *really* an advance upon what had gone on in Tsarist times. In fact the truly outstanding physicists, Sakharov at their head, were really the products of excellent old institutions. It is still quite remarkable that the best scientists, again Sakharov or Kapitsa being cases in point, were people who knew their literature, history and music: no "two cultures" there. In the first two generations of the Soviet period, that rather glorious tradition survived, and it produced results with far fewer resources than the Americans enjoyed.

However, the quality of Soviet science declined, and the men who ran it became old and smug — waving aside any alarms as to the safety of designs, for all the world like so many Kings of Naples and Sicily, dismissing disaster with imperturbable serenity. On top of that, came politics. Someone remarks to Read that communist party bosses "have faces like truck-drivers and fingers like pianists". They were crude and bullying and stupid, but they could play their ghastly instruments of power to perfection. Bureaucratic in-fighting, who got which job, whose position would be undermined through deliberate witholding of supplies — the whole wretched story is here in miniature over Chernobyl.

And then there was the secrecy with which the accident, when it came, was shrouded, and the automatic answer to any criticism that, yes, the Americans had concealed an earlier and far smaller accident at Five Mile in 1979. It was only when the sensible people on the spot went in for an enormous evacuation programme that the story began to come out.

There are not really very many outstanding books about communism in the Soviet Union. The subject is enormous, and the evidence is often mendacious. There are, however, some classics — more, perhaps, than have been written about western countries. Piers Paul Read's account of Chernobyl is, in my opinion, among them.

Cosmic tragedy of small-town nymphs

Michael Wright

THE VIRGIN SUICIDES
By Jeffrey Eugenides
Bloomsbury, £15.99

The surname of this young American novelist has a ring of Greek tragedy about it. And on the basis of his fine first novel, the classical handle is apt. Tragedy, as Aristotle put it, consists in: "The imitation of an action that is complete in itself, and of a certain magnitude . . . by means of pity and fear bringing about the purgation of such emotions." *The Virgin Suicides* is just that: entire and unstoppable.

The very first sentence has the ending already wrapped up in it: "On the morning the last Lisbon daughter took her turn at suicide . . ." And from this moment onward the narrative — proceeding as tidily and bloodlessly as a coroner's scalpel carving through refrigerated flesh — is concerned not so much with *what* is going to happen (we already know that all five daughters are going to take their own lives in the depths of sleepy, small-town America), but with *why* it happened.

Literary novelists are forever experimenting with narrative voices — first person ("I") or third person ("she") — in the quest to find an authentic and original means of expressing their vision. And Eugenides has achieved a certain novelty by dreaming up (or at least from borrowing from the theatre) an aloof, first person *plural* narrator, a shadowy group of males who function like a Greek chorus.

Standing on the sidelines of the lives of the Lisbon girls, this priapic chorus-narrator voyeuristically charts their downward progress, amassing shreds of evidence about their quintuple suicide, and collectively sweeps up memories and reminiscences like the surburban families collectively sweeping up dead leaves in their Lisbon neighbourhood, a dead place caked in dead fish flies.

The book is cosmic and parochial in the same breath, the extent to which text resonates is utterly dependent on the extent of the reader's creative participation, on his or her willingness to scratch away at the black waxy surface to reveal the bright colours hidden beneath. On one level, the narrative depicts the struggle of a small, conservative community to come to terms with an impossibly painful sequence of events; on another, richly symbolic level, the book imitates the death of the world itself, set irrevocably on a path towards self-destruction.

Eugenides has a macabre imagination, and he paints his weird images with memorable intensity. Sex, death and religion are whipped until they froth: the youngest daughter first opens her wrists in a bathroom "like a moist cave" and then impales herself on a "phallic" fence post: crucifixes are draped with brassières: images of the Virgin Mary are clutched as life ebbs away.

There is, nevertheless, a frosty detachment about Eugenides' narrative. Even the purple and white of the dust jacket has something of the icicle about it. No matter; cool as it may seem at times, this is a sparkling work, and a powerful début from a writer who promises much for the future.

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Sir Charles Powell, private secretary to Lady Thatcher and John Major 1984-91, admits that Alan Clark has finally blown his cover

Mrs Thatcher's Lucifer

ALAN CLARK: DIARIES
By Alan Clark
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £20

So my cover is blown. Yes, I was a mole operating deep behind the lines at the very heart of government on Alan Clark's behalf. And pretty dangerous work it was too, helping to rescue him from enraged colleagues, hatchet-faced whips and stern Cabinet Secretaries. But worth every minute.

Of course I wasn't on my own. The PR line, as we used to call it in the KGB, was handled by Bruce Anderson. And there were agents or double-agents of influence aplenty, led by Tristan Garel-Jones.

But despite our best efforts, occasionally hampered by Alan's own, we never succeeded in hoisting our man into the coveted seat at the cabinet table as Secretary of State for Defence. Like Operation Barbarossa, of which Alan himself wrote so authoritatively, our campaign faltered: not at the gates of Stalingrad, but at the door of No 12 Downing Street, where the party managers put up a heroic rearguard action. In the end our hero had to content himself with the title of Minister of State for Procurement.

Alan was the Lucifer of the Thatcher government: a brilliant, dark, quixotic, bawdy presence. With his splendid contempt for humbug, his inability to resist sending up some of government's most hallowed conventions (not to speak of its policies) and his role as natural leader of the Toff's Tendency, he did not go out of his way to endear himself. Inevitably he was anathema to politically correct thinkers and to those whose task was to entrust ministerial portfolios to safe pairs of hands.

Alan was anything but that, as his diaries gleefully recount. Lurking disconsolately at Employment — an odd appointment for a man who never had to worry about a job — he was bound to get into trouble and he did, in the debate on equal pay for women. If Parliament had had breathalysers he would not, on his own admission, have survived.

At Trade and Industry his kamikaze campaign to persuade Mrs Thatcher to agree a "Fur Labelling Order" — which would have compelled the *grand dames* of Finchley to flaunt labels on their fur coats reading "made from the skins of animals trapped by the leg" — ranked him with the first world war generals of whom he wrote so scathingly in *The Donkeys*.

One of the few instances where I would challenge the accuracy of the diaries is his account of his confrontation with Mrs Thatcher on this subject. In my recollection it was *she* who, after Alan had protested his credentials as an animal-lover, hunt saboteur and vegetarian to justify his fur-labelling policy, pointed at his immaculate Lobb's footwear and asked with quivering sarcasm: "And I suppose those are *plastic*, Alan?"

He had the quality to be a cabinet minister and the eccentricity of character to be a fine one. He cannot hold it against Mrs Thatcher that he failed to make it: she made him trade minister in the teeth of objections from her most senior and grave advisers. The fact is that he was accident-prone, and never had the self-discipline to submit to the indignities of supporting government policy even when plainly batty.

One has the feeling also that, at the end of the day, he was more fascinated by the spectacle of politics than by the intricacies of government. I recall his breathless advice to Mrs Thatcher at the height of the leadership crisis: "You *must* fight on, Prime Minister. Of course you are going to lose, but it will be magnificent."

None of this should obscure the real achievements of his ministerial career, in particular at Defence. The only sadness is that he did not confide more to his diaries of his views on strategy and policy. For hard-headed analysis, uncomfortable conclusions and translucent prose, no one in government could hold a candle to him.

You have to be a bit of an exhibitionist to pubish diaries such as these. The hurt which they do his enemies, not to speak of his friends, is trivial compared to the searing exposure of himself. But he does history a service. Memoirs are invariably doctored: that is the point of them. Diaries are the raw material of history and these are elegantly and pungently written. No doubt the libel laywers and healthy respect for Lord Justice Scott have compelled some omissions. That apart, he has been anything but economical with the *actualité*.

As for the rude bits, which have been so much trumpeted, his scoring rate is well below that of Samuel Pepys. Most of the time he was more like a *News of the World* reporter, if the diaries are to be believed: he got himself into position, but then made his excuses and left.

The epilogue makes clear that Alan was disappointed not to have risen higher:

"... *the lilies of ambition*
Still spring in their climate, still unpicked."

But he brought gaiety, style and intellectual distinction to government, and not many can claim that. He has made no secret that he now regrets his precipitate decision to leave the Commons. He would surely enliven the Lords. After Lord Clark of Civilisation we are entitled to Lord Clark of Consummation.

Strife in place of a green and pleasant land

Woodrow Wyatt

FIGHTING ALL THE WAY
By Barbara Castle
Macmillan, £20



Putting a brave face on defeat: Barbara Castle on June 18, 1969, at Downing Street with the prime minister, Harold Wilson, and the late Vic Feather, TUC general secretary

It may be unfair but it is true that heredity, now fashionably called genes, and the cultural background, now called environment, available to a questing child are the most powerful influences on its future course. A fairy godmother chose Barbara Betts's parents, who in her earliest memories lived in Love Lane, Pontefract. Her mother was, as her daughter became, exceptionally pretty. An intelligent dreamer, her socialism was that of William Morris — England's green and pleasant land must be made reality for all. Her husband, Frank, was an eccentric, bad-tempered, brainy tax collector. The family was frequently moved from place to place on the principle that revenue officers should never be friendly with those on whom they impose their demands. Mr Betts was a convinced socialist. He taught himself Greek and became friendly with Gilbert Murray, Regius Professor of Greek at Oxford, who helped him to translate Greek plays and wrote a benevolent preface to his volume of verse published in 1911.

On both sides, ancestors were Quakers or chapel-goers. Honesty and belief in the rules of Christianity, if not in the religion itself, were instilled into the young Barbara. So was stimulus to read Jane Austen, Dickens, George Eliot, the Brontës, and to write poetry.

Aided by scholarships and some family sacrifice, Barbara went to Oxford in 1929. She should have got a first. Alas, Venus distracted her and at her *viva* she was demoted from a second to a third. Her father was desolated. Barbara concluded she was a failure. Her father was dying and never knew she had become an MP in 1945. How proud he would have been of her magnificent career in which she displayed the virtues of both parents.

From the moment I met Barbara Castle I admired her guts, her clarity, her determination and her beauty, though I fear she often disapproved of me, as she indicates in her fascinating autobiography. It is curious how similar she is to Margaret Thatcher, with similar upright upbringings to which each has stayed faithful, though by little quirks of genes and cultural differences they have been fierce opponents.

Barbara reflects wistfully that she might have become Labour's leader and prime minister but for her clash with the trade unions over her famous 1969 reforming white paper, *In Place of Strife*. The title was suggested as a variation on Nye Bevan's book, *In Place of Fear*, by her husband, Ted Castle, with whom she had an extraordinarily happy marriage. She sweetly records how, after some political setback, she would weep to him: "I am a failure," to which he would answer: "Yes. We all know you are a failure. Now go to sleep."

There is much in this book which is moving and gives me a catch in the throat. But back to the tough stuff of whether she could ever have been prime minister. She saw clearly that the behaviour of the trade union barons, plus the wildcat strikes they smiled on, had become as offensive to the British as that of the overweening medieval barons. Like Mrs Thatcher, she knew that their power must be curbed within democratic limits if industry were not to be wrecked. She nearly got the reforms through, backed by a (for once) brave Harold Wilson. But Roy Jenkins, then chancellor, deserted her for not very satisfactory reasons, and James Callaghan, home secretary after his failure as chancellor, betrayed Wilson and herself publicly by currying favour with the trade union barons whom he hoped would eventually make him prime minister, as they did.

I remember well the parliamentary Labour party meeting at which the bugles sounded the retreat as Harold Wilson vainly claimed they were blowing for victory. Instantly I knew the 1970 election would be lost by Labour. I was deeply sad for Barbara, who had fought so valiantly for union reforms which had to wait for Mrs Thatcher to apply them in the 1980s, in more stringent form than Barbara would have done.

If Barbara had succeeded it is just possible she might have been Labour's first woman leader. But Labour was always more conservative than the Conservatives about risky precedents. Nor did Barbara have the perfectly timed luck of Mrs Thatcher when she took the Tories by storm, without most of them realising in time the scope of what was happening. Another characteristic Baroness Castle shares with Baroness Thatcher is a wholehearted appreciation of the Queen, and a tender, feminine understanding of how brilliantly she performs her duties as a constitutional monarch surrounded by men.

Brave Barbara has always told the truth as she sees it. As when she upset old Labour friends in 1982 by telling them in a *New Statesman* article that, disregarding Labour policies, we had to stay in the EC fighting our corner. An old ally, Ian Mikardo, said brutally to her: "Your name is mud." But it is not. She has been and is a dazzling adornment to our politics. And I loved the book, too.

Anatomy of a father

Sean French

AND WHEN DID YOU LAST SEE YOUR FATHER?
By Blake Morrison
Granta, £14.99



Blake Morrison: repulsive

A few weeks ago my wife was walking downstairs carrying her infant daughter and a glass of juice for her five-year-old son who was waiting for her below. She lost her footing and as she bumped painfully down from step to step on her knees, trying to protect the little girl from harm, Eddie bellowed up at her: "*You're spilling my juice.*"

That — terrifyingly and unsparingly — is what Blake Morrison's book is like. We want parents still to be the centre of our world. When we recognise their own fallibility, anxieties, desires, we feel betrayed. However much we mature, there remains a part of us that cannot tolerate this frailty; and the ultimate abdication of parental responsibility is to fall ill and die.

In late 1991 Morrison's father was discovered to be suffering from inoperable stomach cancer. As he bump-bump-bumped down towards inevitable death, it was not Arthur Morrison who raged against the dying of the light, but his son who savagely surveyed the whole history of their life together. With a cold, precise poet's eye, Morrison observes each stage of his father's decline, the receding of the flesh, and records it in a restrained present tense: "His pacemaker, once buried in the fat of his chest, now stands proud, like a parcel on a doormat. I can even see the contact points, top right, where the two wires come into it."

When his father dies, the ritualistic obsequies of religion are virtually dispensed with, but Morrison stays around and notes with fascination the manipulations and preparations of the corpse, and then the bureaucratic responsibilities that death entails.

Morrison interleaves his observation of the death with memories of his father, which cover many years, but all seem to be recalled with the appalled embarrassment of adolescence: his father constantly skived, cheated, went to almost any lengths to get something free or cheap. "He was the sort of man who would raid his own skip, in case something useful had been chucked," as Morrison puts it wryly. Father and son were opposites. His father was a GP, a compulsive tinkerer, who was only ever seen to read one book: *Jaws*. Blake Morrison, consciously impractical, is a poet, critic and literary editor. He recalls the sort of embarrassments that occur in all families. There are terrible holidays, which go on for a surprisingly long time: Morrison is still suffering with his family when in his early twenties.

Most readers will be less shocked by the events than by the tone in which they are related. Blake Morrison never denounces his father or mocks him: he simply portrays him with a relentless lack of anything that could be called affection, admiration or even real interest. Arthur Morrison was a remarkable man, a doctor, a man who seized control of his environment, who on retirement built himself a house with his own hands, brick by brick. Blake Morrison is a writer of rare intelligence, but he refrains with grim stubbornness from any attempt to imagine what it was like to be this man.

This is a book that strips away the normal constraints of piety, emotion, even humiliation. Ineffectually probing his father's secrets, Morrison coolly, almost numbly, exposes his own. He describes himself masturbating in the bath as his father lies dying in the next room. Away from his wife and family as he organises the obsequies, he meets and propositions an old flame — and is rejected. There is something primal about the book, as if it were written by a baby, seeing no reality outside the demands it makes on readers.

This book almost challenges the reader to be repelled. It is a major contribution to the literature of obsession. Blake Morrison lays one of the most basic human relationships out on the slab, dissects it and displays it under harsh laboratory light. The effect is pungent, disturbing, entirely unforgettable, much as some people might like to forget it.

Fuzzy old Europe

Jeremy Black

THE EUROPEAN CITY
By Leonardo Benevolo
Blackwell, £19.99

EUROPE AND THE SEA
By Michel Mollat du Jourdin
Blackwell, £19.99

EUROPEAN REVOLUTIONS 1492-1992
By Charles Tilly
Blackwell, £19.99

These books are as interesting for their collective purpose as for their individual goals. They are the first three volumes of a series, *The Making of Europe*, which is the product of the collaboration of five European publishers: Beck, Blackwell, Critica, Laterza and le Seuil. Each work will be published simultaneously in German, English, Spanish, Italian and French. There is no sign of any sponsorship by the European Community, but a reference by the general editor, Jacques Le Goff, to "those committed to the European enterprise" suggests that the most serious aim — "to describe the evolution of Europe" — is one that is interpreted in terms of modern aspirations towards federalism.

Yet the very notion of Europe faces serious problems of definition, as these books often unintentionally reveal. Europe can be treated geographically, though as soon as greater precision is sought than the statement that it is located between Asia and the Atlantic, such a treatment is open to debate.

Europe can also be treated as a value system, a goal, or an ideology, though such arguments create even more problems. The attempt to treat Europe as an economic and/or administrative aggregation has greater point, as there is a legal entity (in the shape of the EC) that can be focused upon, but it is already clear that much of what can be seen as Europe will not be included in the EC for many years, if ever. In his thoughtful, well-written and wide-ranging account of cities, Benevolo argues that "the Europe that interests us is not a geographical region but a historically determined reality"; yet it is far from clear how that "reality" is to be understood.

Between the fall of the Roman Empire and the French Revolution, the nearest equivalent term was Christendom; but this cannot be seen as a proto-Europe, however much the present myth of Europe might require such an anachronism. For Christendom, belief, not place, counted. Christian Europe was not co-terminous with "geographic Europe". Benevolo also argues that "Europe was created by ten centuries of political, economic and cultural events to which it is linked by a complex system of reciprocal causality". But it is clear that the Europe which has resulted is disunited in large part because of its history, and any historical account that neglects this is misleading.

If the project of a European history invites speculation, there is nevertheless much in these books to commend. Michel Mollat du Jourdin directs attention to a subject, the sea, all too often ignored in accounts of Europe. His study encompasses such topics as Mediterranean trade, watchtowers, lighthouses, beacons and the recent maritime decline of the West. He affirms a European theme — "the sea is an opportunity and a promise for the solidification of a European identity" — but most of the book is more precise and specific. It is also supported by a number of useful maps, one for example showing how the maritime traffic of salt joined different parts of Europe.

Although full of fascinating insights, the author's preference for planning leads him to underrate its problems. He rejects "the permanent public management of the entire urban terrain" as in "socialist eastern Europe". But his view of the necessary "new combination of public and private interests", in order to achieve "the Aristotelian ideal of an integrated environment", is not without its difficulties. Not all inhabitants of new towns or housing estates will recognise that these "achieved both privacy and habitability".

Writing about European revolutions, Charles Tilly disarmingly accepts that his scope means that he has "surely misidentified persons, places and processes, mistaken causes, and made incorrect links among events". His subject matter helps to make his book exciting, but his social scientific approach leaves this reader unconvinced. There is too much determinism: "Without the revolutions... eighteenth-century France could have reached its nineteenth-century destination only through a close equivalent to revolution, some sort of state-led and state-seeking nationalism", with "cultural pluralism... compatible with the devolution of economic and political power to very large units". The federalist aspiration may, however, be more historically defined and conditioned than the nationalism Tilly sees in decline.

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Tucker has designs on keeping riders safe

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

MIKE Tucker, a member of the Horse Trials Group's working party, set up this week to look into the safety of cross-country fences following the death of two riders in nine days, has designed the course for this week's Toyota Bramham International three-day event in Yorkshire, which starts today.

The three-star event has attracted a field of 90 that includes Britain's two Olympic riders, Mary Thomson and Karen Dixon, and the national champion, Pippa Nolan. Dixon has two rides, Park Keeper and Hot Property.

The foreign entry is led by Andrew Nicholson, of New Zealand, a team silver-medal winner at the Barcelona Olympics, Karen Lende, of the United States, the winner of Punchestown, and her compatriot, Bruce Davidson.

Tucker, who was the senior technical delegate at Barcelona, said yesterday: "We want to be as safety-conscious as we possibly can. We've built the fences so as to give riders as much help as possible. I want to make sure the risk of any accidents is kept to a minimum — though I can't obviously make it foolproof."

He has not included a "table fence", the type of barrier at which three fatalities have occurred in the past three years, most recently 12 days ago at Windsor, where Richard Adams was killed.

"There's no table as such at Bramham," Tucker said, "but there are similar types of fences." At one of these, the "feed trough" at the ninth fence, he has given more groundline to make it easier.

Table fences will be among the subjects discussed by the working party, which has its first meeting at Bramham this weekend. Tucker does not envisage an outright ban. "Once you start banning something," he said, "where do you draw the line?"

The table fence at Windsor was built on an A-frame and resembled a pub picnic table, with a narrower top (of 3ft 6in) than base. It was a different design from the five-foot-wide "square table" at Peper Harow, where Arabella Ralston-Saul died last year. That fence has been removed.

The going at Bramham for the cross-country on Saturday is "firmish". "We've done some disking," Tucker said, "and we'll probably do some more depending on the amount of rain we have."

Many of the riders, including Davidson, who lives in Pennsylvania, are using Bramham to qualify horses for the world championships in Holland next year. But Davidson, who won Bramham on Paddy in 1974 aged 24, is not coming merely to take part. "It's a long way to come — I'll be having a go," he said yesterday. He is riding the eight-year-old, Ralph, who was runner-up in both his two-star events last year.



Nolan: in strong field

THREE-DAY EVENT RIDER RANKINGS: 1, M-C Duroy (Fr), 151pts; 2, I Stark (GB), 132; 3, V Latta (NZ), 125.

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BARRY GREENWOOD

Eye on the ball: Samantha Head, of Goodwood, watches intently after she drives off the sixth tee with some panache at Royal Lytham and St Annes yesterday

Moodie loses her voice but is on song

BY JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

JOANNE Morley came off the 18th green at Royal Lytham and St Annes yesterday with a face as dark as the clouds that were to bank up over the Lancashire golf course later in the day. The 1992 Curtis Cup player had taken a 79 in the second round of qualifying for the British women's amateur championship. "That was bloody awful," she said. "But it doesn't matter, does it? It all starts tomorrow."

Morley was right. A few strokes here and there yesterday did not matter so long as she finished among the top 64 who won through to the matchplay stages of this competition, which begin this morning. And she had certainly done that. Her 36-hole total was 156.

The leader, and as such the winner of the Doris Chambers Trophy, is Janice Moodie, of Windy Hill, Dunbartonshire, a reserve for last year's Curtis Cup team. She was 20 last week and in the sultry Lancashire heat she picked up a cold and lost her voice — but not her game. She added a score of 71 to her opening 74 and leads Catriona Lambert and Kirsty Speak by three strokes.

It makes a change for Moodie to defeat Lambert, her fellow Scot. Moodie won the 1992 Scottish championship, but lost to Lambert in the semi-finals of this year's event and was runner-up to Lambert in this year's Spanish Amateur.

Moodie seemed rather matter-of-fact about her score as though rounds of four under par are commonplace. She said she was putting well, better than she had in the first round when she had missed eight putts from within ten feet. Even so, it was not what she did on the greens so much as what she did on the way to them. She had two eagles on the 6,057-yard course. On the 444-yard third she hit a three-wood to within three feet; on the 13th, a par four of 300 yards, she holed her approach from 70 yards.

It has been a good year for Lambert, 23, the Scottish amateur champion. She has won the Spanish amateur, the Hermitage Classic in Ireland and the St Rule Trophy at St Andrews, and after rounds of 75 and 73 she looks in impressive form.

"I am putting very well" Lambert said by way of explanation. "I am holing out well from eight feet. That makes you much more confident with your chipping." She has been practising her putting four or five times a week for the past month by hitting 100 two-foot putts followed by 50 four-foot putts.

If her short game is impressive, then so, too, is her long game. She is very long from the tee. Her drive on the 18th was all of 300 yards. This left her a short pitch, which she hit to three feet and thus secured her sixth birdie of the day.

Kirsty Speak, who will make her debut for England in the European team championship at The Hague next month, was miffed at only finishing in joint second place — though she only had herself to blame. On the 11th when about to play her third shot she accidentally kicked her ball. The penalty, one stroke, was of less significance than the after-effect, because she said it preyed on her mind for a few holes. She had a 75.

Lytham was a different proposition for most of the day, if anything slightly less of an examination than it had been the day before, when there were only six under-par scores. The wind had swung around overnight, making the outward half more difficult. It was a case of protecting a score on these nine holes and hoping to improve it on the inward nine.

The sultry weather broke in the early afternoon. The wind got up, a few drops of rain fell and the temperature, which had been as high as 25°C, fell a few degrees.

SCORES

Great Britain and Ireland unless stated

145: J Moodie (Windy Hill), 74, 71. 148: C Lambert (North Berwick), 75, 73, K Speak (Clitheroe), 73, 75; S Burnell (Burnham and Berrow), 73, 75. 149: L Walton (Cabot Park), 78, 73. 150: P Meunier (Fr), 76, 74; I Tinning (Den), 74, 76. 161: J Hockley (Felixstowe Ferry), 79, 72; J Hall (Felixstowe Ferry), 77, 74; V Thomas (Pennard), 75, 76; T Eaton (Leyton and Bobsylown), 74, 77. 152: K Mourgue D'Algue (Fr), 74, 78; M McKenna (Donabate), 78, 74. 154: K Egford (Hockley), 76, 78; E Knuth (Sp), 80, 74; G Simpson (Cleckheaton and Dist), 76, 78; N Moult (Moor Hall) 80, 74; N Buxton (Woodsome Hall), 77, 77; F Brown (Heswall) 75, 79. 155: K Stupples (R Cinque Ports), 74, 81; D Bourson (Fr), 73, 82; C Schmitt (Fr), 77, 78. 156: A Rogers (The Island), 82, 74; S Farrar (NZ), 77, 79; M J Rouleau (Can), 76, 80; J Morley (Sale), 77, 79; M Aliaguren (Fr), 77, 79; H Kavanagh (Grange), 81, 75. 157: K Rostron (Clitheroe), 78, 79; M Amat (Sp), 78, 79; M Verspieren (Fr), 77, 80. 158: J Oliver (Knebworth), 76, 80; K Smith (Wetstocowville), 81, 77. 159: J Foster (Ponlardawe), 77, 82; S Bishop, 79, 80. 160: C Caldwell (Sunningdale), 79, 81; P Pedersen (Den), 83, 77; T Samuel (Can), 80, 80; J Head (Goodwood), 81, 79; J Williamson (Hadley Wood), 81, 79; S Sharpe (Elton Furze), 79, 81; H Lawson (Bull Bay), 84, 79. 161: R Millington (Druids Heath), 78, 85

Four's drive for riches continues despite dangers in life of excess



John Hopkins, golf correspondent, on the financial consequences of the success of the European tour

GEORGE Gershwin was once asked: "Which comes first, the words or the music?" "The contract," he replied. It is a bit like that on the PGA European golf tour these days. Money makes the world go round and it certainly makes the European Tour go round. Before a ball is struck, the money must be right.

The European Tour is a success story. John Jacobs was appointed tournament director-general of the Professional Golfers' Association in 1971 and the prize-money the following season was £250,000. By 1982 prize-money on what was now known as the PGA European Tour had risen to over £2 million. This season it is more than £20 million.

Last month the European Tour held its showpiece event, the PGA Championship, sponsored by Volvo, at Wentworth, where it has its headquarters. The atmosphere was festive. There were many parties and receptions at which champagne flowed and at one the tour announced it had appointed Delta Airlines as its official airline.

It was not immediately obvious what advantages Delta, which operates more trans-Atlantic services than any other airline, brings to this deal, as it flies to few European cities from London. Perhaps it had something to do with what it was prepared to offer for the privilege of describing itself as "official airline to the PGA European Tour". Whatever that was, presumably it was greater than British Airways, which had held that role since 1989.

The three-year agreement between the BBC and the European Tour to televise golf is about to end and negotiations are under way between BSkyB and the tour with a view to the satellite channel assuming the rights to transmit a number of events next year. Agreement has been reached for BSkyB to show the Cannes, Spanish, Jersey, French and Austrian opens this year, none of which have been covered by the BBC. Money is said to be a crucial factor in the negotiations for other events. BSkyB has it; the BBC, which has televised golf for many years, has less. An announcement is expected soon.

In what seems to be a relentless pursuit of money, the European Tour takes itself to destinations that are not in Europe. At the end of January its players were in Dubai. The following week they had moved on to Singapore.



Jacobs: tour pioneer

But it is not just the tour's administrators who seem hell-bent on making money at every turn. The best players are after it, too. Appearance money is supposed to be banned in Europe. In fact, it is being paid just as it ever was, though now there is a requirement that the players do something in return, such as give a clinic or participate in a "skins" match.

There are five European golfers who have won major championships, Severiano Ballesteros, Nick Faldo, Bernhard Langer, Sandy Lyle and Ian Woosnam, and they all demand and expect appearance money. So does José María Olazábal, who has yet to win a major.

Appearance money comes in different sums, all of them large, and in varying currencies. Faldo is said to have received £60,000 to play in the Benson and Hedges International Open at St Mellion last month. Ballesteros is alleged to have asked for £60,000 in Swiss francs to compete at the same event. It was not forthcoming. He did not play. Langer declined to play in a tournament in Italy recently. He said he did not have a contract. The promoter said the US Masters champion was asking for appearance money of $150,000 (about £100,000).

Study the appearances of these players and you will notice some odd patterns. Woosnam, for example, has only appeared in one event in Britain since the Open last year, 11 months ago. Langer has played only nine tournaments in the first half of this year but two of those were in Japan and two in Spain. Lyle has played in only four events on the European Tour all year.

There are 39 tournaments on the European Tour this year, more than ever, but fewer chances to see all of Europe's best players in action. This year there are two, the PGA championship and the Open championship. They all appeared at the former last month because it was the tour's own event and they will all appear at the latter at Royal St George's next month, despite there being no inducements, because it is the oldest championship in the world.

In the materialistic Eighties Thatcherism ruled and free enterprise reigned. It was an age of excess. Money was politically correct and more money was more politically correct.

Times have changed. Someone once said that "too much of a good thing can be wonderful". The memory of that remark brings a smile to the face. In this instance, however, the words of Wilson Mizner, a little known American, are instructive: "There is nothing so comfortable as a small bankroll; a big one is always a danger."

Britain blessed with home advantage

BY CRAIG LORD

SARAH Hardcastle and Mark Foster represent opposite ends of the swimming spectrum. One is built for endurance, the other for speed. Yet they have two things in common of particular relevance to the next four days and the summer ahead; both are products of the Mike Higgs distance programme at Southend, and both offer reassurance to those with memories of last summer that this is another year.

This time last year, the Ponds Forge pool in Sheffield hosted superb and successful Olympic trials. What followed in Spain, notwithstanding Nick Gillingham's bronze medal in the 200 metres breaststroke, was largely disappointing.

Thoughts will wander back a year as swimmers attempt to make the British team for the European championships at the Mycil national championships at Sheffield over the next four days. But they should be positive, Gillingham believes. "The trials were superb. Ponds Forge is the best pool I've swum in across the world."

His sentiments augur well; not only are the trials at Ponds Forge this year, but so too is the main event — the first European championship in Britain since 1938. Gillingham, of Birmingham, is pre-selected for the 200 metres breaststroke but must qualify for the 100 metres. Six weeks' training with his coach, Barry Prime, in Canberra should ensure success: he has gained 5lb in muscle weight yet registers less body fat. The result is the sort of leanness which helped Gillingham retain the European 200 metres title in Athens two years ago.

The performance of Foster may be more difficult to judge. He has opted not to ease back fully from the more rigorous training regime with Higgs at Southend and his own coach, Doug Campbell, at Barnet in London, that has made him a wholly different animal than he was a year ago. That may leave him short of the sharpness he needs to prove he can repeat in a long-course pool his exploits of the winter short-course season: a world record at 50 metres freestyle.

Attention will also focus on Paul Palmer, Ian Wilson and Hardcastle. Her that had frozen women's distance racing in Britain since she retired in 1986 after winning two Commonwealth titles.

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Eye-openers on changing face of county cricket

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE county season is six weeks old, not yet a third of its course covered, but already the new structure, in which two competitions stage longer games and one has been curtailed, is breeding strong opinion and surprising results.

Glamorgan, for too long the butt of cricketing humour, are on top of the championship table after winning three of their first five games. Sussex, mere bystanders to any Home Counties cartel of caps and cups, share the lead in the Sunday league. And Derbyshire may be impecunious, but they are also in the final of the Benson and Hedges Cup.

Such eye-openers are refreshing. It matters not that Glamorgan still seem improbable champions, that Sussex may revert to type and flop under pressure, and that Derbyshire could be steamrollered by Lancashire at Lord's on July 10. The underdogs are having their day and, in each case, it is not unconnected with the reshaping of the competitions. The practitioners of the Murray Report can feel vindicated.

Glamorgan have no shock bowlers and yet, when they face Surrey and Waqar Younis at the Oval today, they need no longer be overawed. What they do possess are some quality medium-pacers, led off by the admirable Steve Watkin, and a fine young off-spinner in Robert Croft. The longer game gives their batsmen, as strong as any in the country, the chance to build the totals of which they are capable and their attack the scope to nag for a result that would previously have been beyond them.

The four-day programme is, as was hoped, producing genuine cricket, results being obtained without the artificial stimulants which resembled a boxer going down voluntarily just to create an even fight. There has been no joke bowling so far this season and no contrived declarations.

Those who point to matches over in three days as a counterclaim are missing the point. There always will be mismatches. What is being seen now is a preponderance of natural finishes and the teams on the right end of them will not, contrary to popular belief, be those who score their runs at funereal pace but those who make consistantly big totals at better than three runs an over.

Sussex were the first to show initiative, within the 50-over Sunday league, by using a hitter, Franklyn Stephenson, to open the batting. Like many teams, however, Sussex have injury problems and, while their priority may increasingly be to get their best team on the field on a Sunday, counties lower in the table will quickly begin to be economical with their resources.

The new itinerary, with a 100-over game sandwiched between the third and fourth days of a championship fixture, may be necessary in order that members are guaranteed weekend cricket, but it is placing a mental and physical drain on players. By mid-season some unfamiliar line-ups will be seen representing clubs whose chance of Sunday honours has gone.

There is no easy cure for this, though a two-division system, with promotion and relegation, is now worth considering. It has been logistical drawbacks, in that it would no longer be possible for the same teams to coincide in the championship and Sunday league fixture lists, but it would maintain interest.

As for Derbyshire, their profit has been to reach in three games a cup final which used to need six. They would, in fact, have played four times but rain at Taunton caused them to progress to the last four by dint of the contentious bowl-out rule.

The process of deciding a knock-out game by bowling at an unguarded set of stumps is crude and hollow but unlikely to change, as guaranteed replay dates are impracticable within the crowded county programme. The best solution, to my mind, would have been to have gone a step beyond the pruning of the Benson and Hedges Cup and abolish it entirely, for there is still one limited-overs competition too many and the competition has few supporters, the counties' constant call for added income being its major redemption.

So far, however, the Murray Report's first season is a success. There is a feeling that the Sunday programme, mixing more serious cricket with gimmicks, has fallen between two stools and a move to revert to 40 overs per side can be anticipated when the board seeks the county's views. It would be surprising, though, if the four-day championship caused raised voices anywhere other than Wales, where a good deal of singing is presently being planned.

KIM SCOTT-CLARK



Body-line tourist: Slater misjudges the Warwickshire bowling and receives a painful blow on the rib cage during the Australian innings at Edgbaston yesterday

Relaxed Border hits Ashes reminder

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

EDGBASTON (Australians won toss: first day of three): Australians have scored 263 for four against Warwickshire

AS THE England committee was appointing Graham Gooch for the rest of the summer, seasoning a captaincy casserole that hardly needs another pinch, Allan Border, who can leave the job at his leisure, was making his own preparations for the second Test at Lord's.

Eight years ago, leading a touring side almost as beleaguered as the men who purported to represent England at Old Trafford, he made the highest of his seven Ashes hundreds, 196. It remains an innings recalled for the juggling "catch" Mike Gatting made, but never completed, at short leg.

In those days, Border's batting was as important to his side's chances of putting a decent total on the board as Gooch's presently is to England. That has not been the case for some time. At Manchester he was the only man in Australia's top seven not to pass 50.

Now, with his farewell appearance at the home of cricket less than a week away, he is clearly intent on putting his stamp on the place for the last time. He retained himself here as one of five players who finished the first Test and had made 66 before Neil Smith bowled him towards the end of a rain-affected day.

Of the other four, Michael Slater again revealed his talents in making 64 and Mark Waugh, bowled by Gladstone Small, failed to settle. Ian Healy is playing here as a batsman ("which I jolly well am after my maiden hundred at Manchester," he might say), and Brendon Julian is included to get some bowling practice.

On a close day, the rain only receded in mid-afternoon after two storms of moderate intensity had soaked the ground. Thirty overs were lost but the tourists still made 263 attractive runs. Damien Martyn made 86 of them, unbeaten, to remind his captain that, if time and chance decree, there is a middle-order alternative.

All three batsmen played strokes of power and grace, particularly off the back foot. Slater started the day with some withering shots at Donald's expense; Martyn crashed Munton square of the wicket in a way which brooked no argument; Border, forearms rippling, threw his bat at the ball with fury.

Slater was the victim of his own abundant confidence. Hammering Donald with impudence is one thing; mistreating the great Dermot Reeve is quite another. After flicking a ball wristily off his hips behind square leg, a stroke of some class, his attempt to replicate the boundary looped high off the bat to cover.

By the manner of his salute, which brought to mind a Roman emperor back from his latest tour of duty in Carthage acknowledging the cheers of a grateful people, Reeve provided his own comment on this august event. It certainly went down well with the noisyelement in front of the scoreboard at the City End, but then Edgbaston has never been the natural home of the connoisseur.

Donald will rarely endure a more wretched day, going for 67 from 10 overs. Small bowled well at Waugh who was, apart from Hayden, the only man to fail. Hayden began the tour with certainty but must now envy Martyn his freedom. Another 14 runs this morning will give him a second hundred of the tour. He is obviously a man in a hurry.

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings

M L Hayden lbw b Munton	10
M J Slater c Twose b Reeve	64
M E Waugh b Small	8
D R Martyn not out	86
*A R Border b Smith	66
†T J Zoehrer not out	3
Extras (b 1, lb 14, w 1, nb 10)	26
Total (4 wkts)	263

I A Healy, B P Julian, P R Reiffel, T B A May and W J Holdsworth to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-53, 3-108, 4-255.

BOWLING: Donald 10-0-67-0; Small 13-3-40-1; Munton 18-3-52-1; Reeve 17-5-38-1; Smith 8-2-24-1; Twose 8-3-27-0.

WARWICKSHIRE: A J Moles, J D Ratcliffe, R G Twose, D P Ostler, T L Penney, *D A Reeve, †M Burns, N M K Smith, G C Small, A A Donald, T A Munton.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and G I Burgess.

Fall in salmon stocks brings call for damage limitation



Brian Clarke finds experts demanding strict conservation measures to save the salmon

THE number of salmon returning to some British rivers is now so low that anglers may be asked — or made — to limit catches that are already desperately poor, as a contribution to the fish's survival.

Dr David Solomon, one of Britain's leading fishery and environmental consultants and himself a salmon fisherman, called for a national debate on catch limits at last week's Salmon in Crisis? conference in London.

The conference was organised by the Salmon and Trout Association in conjunction with the Atlantic Salmon Trust. It attracted delegates from every ripple and eddy of the salmon conservation movement, from fishery interests throughout Britain, from government departments, from the National Rivers Authority (NRA) and from both Houses of Parliament. If nothing else was calculated to show how serious the situation has become it was the fact that Solomon's proposal could be made in such a forum, and be received with so little argument.

It is not that anglers take, or have ever taken, great numbers of salmon. It is that salmon catches of all kinds have declined catastrophically in recent years when even moderate declines in catch rates often mask steep declines in underlying population levels. Potential causes of the decline are legion, but most of the evidence indicts commercial over-fishing at sea. Contributory causes are thought to include silt and over-acidity in nursery streams, and predation in rivers and estuaries. Some natural environmental factors, such as changing temperatures in the north Atlantic, and some as yet unidentified cyclical movement in salmon populations as a whole, may be overlaid on all else.

Whatever the reason or reasons, the result is everywhere apparent. Fewer salmon are spawning, fewer eggs are hatching, fewer young fish are making the journey down-river to the ocean, fewer salmon are surviving life in the ocean and returning to complete the cycle and to spawn inadequately again.

On many fisheries, up to half the salmon that do return are not wild salmon, but ranched fish or fish that have escaped from salmon farms — further disguising the real scale of the fall in the natural stock.

It is against this deadly downward spiral that angling catches take on their new significance: although low, they can now represent an astonishing proportion of a surviving population.

Solomon's figures will appall anglers, who have long been brought up on the idea that for every fish caught, large numbers must be passing upstream, unseen and unscathed. Studies on a sample of British and Irish rivers had shown that anglers were catching between five per cent and 50 per cent of the salmon that had survived all other pressures. Within individual year classes — and for larger and older fish especially — the figures were even worse.

The longer a salmon spends growing in the sea before returning to spawn, the more likely it is take an angler's lure. On the Wye, Solomon said, a study had suggested that ten per cent of fish under 3.2 kilograms were caught by anglers — but that more than 90 per cent of fish over 6.8kg were caught. It was these older, larger fish that had the greatest contribution to make to spawning recruitment. The take of such fish on some other rivers was also far too high, despite the almost negligible figures involved.

> 'Fewer salmon are spawning, fewer eggs are hatching and fewer salmon are surviving in the ocean'

"We cannot let the fishing die while we argue over causes," he said. "We have to face the need for limitation on rod catches as one contribution we can make. It is not something that should be rushed into, or that may be necessary on all waters, but we need a major angling debate on this issue."

There were many options — limiting methods, season or access, and requiring caught fish to be returned to the water. But the overall objective would have to be to reduce the take.

It is not unlikely that Solomon will get the debate he has called for. Such has been the government's lack of interest in the salmon and such are the feelings of frustration and impotence in the angling and conservation lobbies, that almost any call for a clear course of action — even one that asks so much of anglers who already have so little to fish for — will get a hearing.

Even the most frustrated will recognise that if it is the last fish in the river — and in some places that is very nearly the situation — then just one salmon killed will be a fish too many.

Narrow escape for Lady Margaret

LADY Margaret ladies survived by inches on the first night when a slow burn by challengers Jesus from the Railway Bridge meant that Jesus got their bows with a two feet overlap at the line but without contact being made. Lower down in the ladies division Emmanuel caught Queens at Grassy Corner to move into fourth place.

Men

SECOND DIVISION: Corpus Christi bpd Downing II; King's bpd Selwyn II; Trinity Hall II bpd Girton.

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SIXTH DIVISION: Girton III bpd Peterhouse III, Homerton bpd 1st and 3rd Trinity V, St Catharines IV bpd Clare V, Robinson III bpd Corpus Christie IV, Sydney Sussex IV bpd Churchill V.

Women

FIRST DIVISION: Emmanuel bpd Queens', Homerton bpd Trinity Hall, Clare bpd Vet School, Downing bpd Pembroke, Selwyn bpd Girton, St Catharines bpd Robinson.

SECOND DIVISION: Christ bpd Lady Margaret II, Magdelene bpd Jesus II, Corpus Christie bpd Peterhouse, Fitzwilliam bpd Homerton.

THIRD DIVISION: Jesus III bpd Queens' II, St Catharines II bpd Wolfson, Emanuell II bpd Darwin, Trinity Hall II overbpd New Hall III, Sydney Sussex II bpd Caius II.

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☐ Brian Armstrong, the international rowing manager, has announced that £10,000 sponsorship from Moore Stephens, chartered accountants, had been secured for the successful Great Britain lightweight women's four.

The Amateur Rowing Association Council has criticised a letter received by the Olympic gold medal-winner, Jonny Searle, from Denis Oswald, the president of Fisa, the sport's international governing body. Searle wrote a letter, signed by 40 of the 42 champions from Barcelona last year, to the International Olympic Commitee concerning the recently agreed changes in the Olympic rowing programme.

Keane pulls Ireland through

Latvia	0
Ireland	2

FROM PETER BALL
IN RIGA

IRELAND completed the first and easier leg of their Baltic tour successfully here last night. Goals from Aldridge and McGrath brought them a solid if undistinguished victory to move level on points with Spain at the top of World Cup qualifying group three.

It was not one of Ireland's more inspired displays, in spite of a memorable performance from Roy Keane. Any suspicions that his mind might be on other matters with Arsenal, Manchester United and Blackburn Rovers all waiting eagerly for his decision on which one he will join when he returns to Ireland today were dispelled as he ran ceaselessly through midfield to prompt his forwards. He set up the first goal and could have set up two or three more but Ireland spurned their chances, a habitual failing which may yet cost them dearly.

They could hardly have had a better start, Aldridge putting them ahead after 14 minutes, but for a long time Keane's efforts found little response. Niall Quinn showed few signs of the effects of a badly disturbed night which led to fears of appendicitis, and he was also a master of the equally tall Bulders, who was drafted in to counter Quinn's aerial threat.

Bulders found the task beyond him, but even so Latvia proved more stubborn opposition than expected.

Unlike England, Jack Charlton's Ireland have found the secret of winning when not playing well, and if they negotiate next week's trip to Lithuania equally successfully, their chance of qualifying for their second successive World Cup is now as bright as the northern sun which shone down on the wide open Daugava Stadium long after the finish last night.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	9	5	3	1	18	2	13
Ireland	9	5	3	0	14	2	13
Denmark	8	4	4	0	9	1	12
N Ireland	9	4	2	3	11	11	10
Lithuania	9	2	3	4	8	14	7
Latvia	11	0	5	6	4	21	5
Albania	10	1	2	7	5	20	4

FIXTURES: Jun 16: Lithuania v Ireland. Aug 25: Denmark v Lithuania. Sep 8: Albania v Denmark; N Ireland v Latvia; Ireland v Lithuania. Sep 22: Albania v Spain. Oct 13: Ireland v Spain; Denmark v N Ireland. Nov 17: N Ireland v Ireland; Spain v Denmark.

Watched by nearly 2,000 travelling supporters, Ireland made a tentative start and their first goal came somewhat against the run of play. It was an excellent goal for all that. Keane sent Irwin behind the left back and the Manchester United defender's measured cross was met with a fierce header by Aldridge for Ireland's 400th goal in international football.

Even that did not settle Ireland completely, a vast, bumpy pitch not helping their attempts to play the ball behind defenders, but as the half went on a corner count of 10-1 revealed their increasing dominance and the second goal arrived three minutes before the interval as McGrath sent a glancing header past Karavajevs to make his return to the fold a happy one.

LATVIA: O Karavajevs (OFK Belgrade); G Ergis (RAF Jelgava), J Beviakovs (Ilves, Finland), V Ivanovs (RAF Jelgava), E Gnadiks (Skonto), J Poplavs (Visby), A Siegardo (Olimpija Riga, sub: J Gorjacilovs (Metallurg, Ukraine), V Astafjevs (Skonto), R Buldens (Kruna, Sweden), A Lingrds (Orebro, Sweden), V Babicevs (RAF Jelgava, sub: A Jelisejavs (Skonto).

IRELAND: P Bonner (Celtic); D Irwin (Manchester United), T Phelan (Manchester City), P McGrath (Aston Villa), A Kernaghan (Middlesbrough), R Keane (Nottingham Forest), A Townsend (Chelsea), R Houghton (Aston Villa), N Quinn (Manchester City, sub: A Cascarino (Chelsea), J Aldridge (Tranmere Rovers, sub: J Sheridan (Sheffield Wednesday), S Staunton (Aston Villa).

Referee: D Jol (Holland).

Spurs ready to sell Ruddock

BY JOHN GOODBODY

TOTTENHAM Hotspur yesterday said they would be willing to sell Neil Ruddock, the defender rated at £2 million, unless the board is given full details of an alleged agreement between the player and Terry Venables, the chief executive.

The announcement came as football braced itself for damaging revelations about the integrity of leading figures in the national game when the struggle for power at the club resumes in the High Court today.

There are fears that disclosures in the affidavits of Alan Sugar, the club chairman, and Terry Venables, who was dismissed as chief executive and then reinstated after a High Court injunction, will bring into the open the murky world of transfer dealing. Some managers are believed to have demanded money for themselves when a player has been transferred to another club.

Details of the move of Teddy Sheringham, the England international forward, who went from Nottingham Forest to Tottenham for £2.1 million, are also expected to be made public.

Ruddock, 25, who has openly supported Venables in the dispute, asked for a transfer last Friday. He signed a three-year contract a year ago when he moved to Spurs from Southampton for £750,000, and claimed Venables promised him a renegotiated contract if his first season went well. But in a letter sent yesterday to Peter Barnes, the club secretary, Sugar said: "The board has never been familiarised with the terms Mr Ruddock refers to in the meeting he had with Mr Venables. I would suggest that the board is informed of what those terms are so they can give them immediate consideration.

"Please try to find out from Mr Venables or Mr Ruddock what those terms and conditions are. If it transpires that the terms are beyond the capabilities that the club can afford, then we will inform Mr Ruddock that his transfer request is acceptable."

The High Court will today hear an application from Sugar seeking to set aside the court order securing Venables's position as chief executive.

On May 25, Sir Donald Nicholls, the vice-chancellor and head of the Chancery Division, said it was "not sensible or right" to decide this application until Venables has had a fair opportunity to reply to the other side's "voluminous evidence".

After a further postponement on Tuesday, the hearing will take place today with football in general, and the supporters of Tottenham in particular, concerned what will be disclosed.

The Premier League has said that if any manager receives a cash payment from a club to which he was selling a player, that might only be a breach of regulations if the directors were unaware of the transaction. However, there is still widespread moral concern about the practice.

Opponents would say that a manager might not be acting in the club's best interest in the transfer but instead may have been influenced by the money he could earn by completing the deal.

Although he has the backing of the supporters, Venables's role in the club will come under scrutiny. The other directors have wanted him to concentrate on the footballing, rather than the commercial, side of the club as they believe the position of chief executive was beyond his talents.

Mains takes positive view on visit of Lions

FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN CHRISTCHURCH

LAURIE Mains recorded all this year's five nations' championship matches on video at his Dunedin home, and then sat back and waited. Mains, the New Zealand coach, did not want to view the tapes until he knew what he was looking for: the British Isles players who would be challenging his All Blacks in New Zealand for the first time in ten years.

Mains, who was surprised that the Lions left behind such players as Emyr Lewis, the Welsh flanker, and Jeff Probyn, of England ("Perhaps it's an indication of strength in depth", he said), has since done his viewing and is busy sorting out his own country's strengths and weaknesses before the first international match of the series here on Saturday.

Phase one of that process was an internal tour by players from provinces in New Zealand's second and third divisions; phase two was the two-match trial; phase three was the final trial in Pukekohe on June 1. Now the countdown has begun.

Mains, 47 and four times an international full back from 1971 to 1976, took over the coaching role from Alex Wyllie at the beginning of last year, sensing considerable anticipation over the Lions, despite the counter-attraction of the Super Ten competition. "I think it will prove to be one of the better teams to tour New Zealand and there is a lot of interest because we haven't had a major tour here since the Australians in 1989," he said.

"But a lot has changed since the Lions were last here. The public has become more critical, they want to watch a good international side." Underlying Mains's words is the fact that rugby union now has a rival, in the shape of the Sydney rugby league competition, which has attracted a substantial following.

Mains has not been unduly worried by what he has seen of northern-hemisphere rugby: "There have been some impressive passages of play but at other times, much of the play has been static. It revolves more around set-piece play than in New Zealand."

The All Blacks coach is a keen advocate of the new laws; he was excited by what he saw after only half a season in the domestic New Zealand championship last year and anticipates that the rugby will be even better this year. "Anything that takes the boredom of scrummaging and protracted mauls out of the game has got to be good," he said.

Two of the three tests in Australia were handled by Patrick Robin, of France, who made a good impression on Mains. Robin will handle two of the Lions' games against New Zealand this summer while Brian Kinsey, the leading Australian referee now that Sandy MacNeill has retired, will take the international on Saturday.

But Mains is concentrating on making sure that his own side is effective: some of last year's players, for example, "have to make quite a lift in their standard of play if they wish to consolidate their positions as test players," he said.

Consistency at the highest level is what Mains is seeking on Saturday and he acknowledges that the British Isles side has what many of his own players have not: considerable experience of international rugby as well as useful experience of New Zealand conditions and attitudes.

Wily Fox wary of Lions

The All Blacks' leading points scorer is hoping his experience will help them tame the tourists, David Hands reports

TEN years ago a youngster called Grant Fox dropped the goal that allowed Auckland to beat the 1983 British Isles rugby union team. Neither Auckland nor Fox have looked back since: the one has become the most successful, admired and envied provincial team in the world, the other New Zealand's leading points scorer.

Fox and his All Blacks captain, Sean Fitzpatrick, are on the verge of notable achievements as New Zealand prepare for Saturday's international against the 1993 Lions at Lancaster Park, Christchurch. Fox stands five points short of 1,000 in 73 appearances in the All Black jersey (573 of those in his 41 internationals), and Fitzpatrick will be winning his fiftieth cap.

Therefore, when Fox suggests that this Lions team performs certain aspects of the game better than any other British side he has seen, they are not idle words. "Their passing and their lines of running have been superb, the best of any British side I have seen in recent years," Fox said yesterday. Fox, 31 next week, has seen and done most that rugby has to offer and returned from being dropped last year to a position as influential as at any time during his international career.

"I think I had been trying to do too much, plus I had been carrying an injury during the 1991 World Cup," Fox said.

By concentrating on playing his own game, Fox set a mark for the new breed of All Black created by Laurie Mains and his co-selectors, Earl Kirton and Peter Thorburn. He allowed the natural running gifts of Walter Little and Frank Bunce to express themselves while offering a retreat when the natural exuberance of his less experienced colleagues hit trouble.



In his sights: Fox is aiming to prove a point to the Lions

Thirteen of the players who came together on tour in Australia and South Africa last summer will appear against the Lions. Fox refuses to name the most influential players in the Lions team but suggests that if the units within the team come together effectively, then the team will perform well in an international he expects to go "to the wire.

"The thing that concerns me most is their finishing ability. We don't want to gift them anything because from what I have seen, they have squandered few of the opportunities to come their way."

The Lions, meanwhile, emerged from hail and gale-force winds in Invercargill (where they trained yesterday morning) to the balmy Canterbury plains, happier with their casualty list. They trained privately, and will do so again today, timing the announcement of their XV for Saturday after the All Blacks' training is completed.

Will Carling completed the session and both Ben Clarke and Martin Bayfield are confident of being available for selection. Damian Cronin is carrying a "dead leg" and Andy Reed has a strapped arm, leaving Geoff Cooke, the manager, musing on the possibility of fielding Martin Johnson in the second row even though the Leicester lock only yesterday completed a 56-hour journey from Ottawa.

Bayfield and Reed is the likely second row, but Johnson has the virtue of being match-hard after England's tour of Canada whereas Vinny Cunningham, his fellow replacement, last played in the Leinster Cup final on May 1.

Wales end tour with stunning display

SA Barbarians 17
Wales XV 56

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN WINDHOEK

WALES saved their best for last as they proved they had made considerable strides on their southern African tour by outplaying a powerful Barbarians team here yesterday.

Gareth Llewellyn's side hardly put a foot wrong as it ran in eight tries to show that there is a side in the making in Wales that in the near future will be able to compete with the best in the world.

The Barbarians side boasted five present Springbok squad members, three Namibian internationals and a host of top provincial players from the Republic. They were made to look novices as the Welsh forwards took control, scoring two tries from rolling mauls in the home 22.

It was a stunning performance that delighted Alan Davies, the Welsh coach. "That is the kind of performance I've been looking for for two years," he said. "We demonstrated we have come a long way since our first game in Zimbabwe. It's the best experience I've had for a long time."

Wales got off to a flying start, scoring 15 points in 16 minutes and were 20-10 ahead at the interval. There were three tries in the first half, but the invitation side could find little or no answer to the Welsh cohesion in the second half as five more tries were scored.

SCORERS: South African Barbarians: Tries: J Barnard, J Stransky. Conversion: J Stransky (2). Penalty: J Stransky. Wales XV: Tries: I Jones (2), W Proctor, M Perego, P Davies, J Davies, S Davies, A Davies. Conversions: N Jenkins (5). Penalties: N Jenkins (2).
SOUTH AFRICAN BARBARIANS: C Dirk (Transvaal); G Mans (Namibia, J Coetzee, Namibia), H Muller (Orange Free State), H Strayman (Namibia), A Alexander (Border); J Stransky (Natal), J Roux (Transvaal); G Kebble (Natal, rep: C Davis, Namibia), J Allan (Natal, captain), M Hunter (Western Transvaal), H Strydom (Transvaal), R Opperman (Orange Free State), G Teichman (Natal), J Barnard (Namibia).
WALES XV: M Rayer; I Jones, N Boobyer, N Jenkins, W Proctor (rep: S Hill); A Davies, R Moon; M Griffiths (H Williams-Jones), A Lamerton, J Davies, P Davies, G Llewellyn (captain), S Davies, E Lewis, M Perego (rep: A Williams).
Referee: F Burger (South Africa).

SPORT IN BRIEF

Woosnam ponders new putting grip

IAN Woosnam is debating whether to change his putting style for the Honda Open, which starts today in Hamburg. Bernhard Langer and several other leading golfers putt cack-handed — left hand below right for a right-hander — and Woosnam might have a go in an attempt to recapture his best form. Lying 25th in the Ryder Cup points table, the Welshman has been struggling with his long game as well as his putting.

"Putting is my biggest problem," he said. "I often have rounds where I keep knocking it to 15 feet and then miss the putts. And you have to get some of them in to make good scores. At the PGA Championship two weeks ago, I putted cack-handed for the last nine holes and I did quite well. But I'm not sure whether to do it full-time."

Saligari takes stage

CYCLING: Marco Saligari, of Italy, won the seventeenth stage of the Giro d'Italia yesterday after a break 7½ miles into the 138-mile ride from Varazze to Valle Varaita, close to the French border in the Alps. Saligari, who broke from the pack with three other riders, went away on his own 22 miles from the finish and held on for a comfortable victory as the race climbed to 6,500ft above sea level. He finished about nine minutes ahead of the overall leader, Miguel Induráin, of Spain.

Boost for Manchester

OLYMPIC GAMES: A leading Sydney official yesterday said that he rated Manchester as an increasingly serious rival for the right to stage the 2000 Olympic Games. Bob Elphinston, general manager of the Sydney bid, said the Manchester bid was gaining support among International Olympic Committee members. Cities bidding to play host to the 2000 Games are Sydney, Manchester, Beijing, Berlin, Istanbul and Brasilia. The IOC will select the host city on September 23 in Monte Carlo.

Split partnership

ICE SKATING: Isabelle Duchesnay, the former world champion figure skater from Canada, announced yesterday that she was seeking a divorce from Britain's best-known male skater, Christopher Dean. Duchesnay, 29, who turned professional with her brother, Paul, after they won the silver medal in the 1992 winter Olympics in Albertville, said her plans were incompatible with those of her husband, who has been acting as her choreographer and coach. She married Dean two years ago.

Offiah coming home

RUGBY LEAGUE: Martin Offiah is returning from his ill-fated Australian venture after receiving a substantial pay-off yesterday for his 55 minutes of action with Eastern Suburbs in the Winfield Cup. The Wigan and Great Britain winger dislocated his right shoulder in a heavy fall during his opening match at Penrith last month. He will undergo an operation at a Manchester hospital next week to correct a recurrent problem with his shoulder, and hopes to be fit for the new season.

SPORTS LETTERS

Varied paths of cricket

From Mr Cyril Howard

Sir, After watching the first Test match at Old Trafford, I wonder where the mounting commercialisation of cricket is leading. The playing area is surrounded by advertising hoardings; adverts are painted on the grass; the sightscreens are totally covered with adverts and the players' shirts are festooned with them.

In the long term, would the quality of the game be any the worse, and might it perhaps show some improvement, with the removal of these all-pervasive intrusions?

Yours faithfully,
CYRIL HOWARD,
4 Tideway Close,
Ham, Richmond, Surrey.

From Mr David Mayers

Sir, In this world of doubt and darkness what rays of reviving sunlight burst from the screen last Saturday morning to stimulate the soul of an ageing, amateur, leg-spin bowler.

To listen to a one-time, world-class leg spinner turned doyen commentator (Richie Benaud) talk us through the performance of a potentially world-class leg spinner (Shane Warner) must be the zenith of satisfaction for any devotee of cricket.

Let us all be of good cheer. God is in his heaven, the sun is shining after rain, and the pitch is taking spin.

DAVID MAYERS,
37 Cardozo Road, N7.

Not only Taylor to blame for England failings

From Mr Paul Newton

Sir, The calls for Graham Taylor's managerial head in the wake of England's catatonic performance in Norway last week are as inevitable as the result, given the team and formation he chose. To claim afterwards that he had made very few changes suggests his right hand has little idea what his left hand is doing.

With deleterious effect he altered the balance of a side which, against Holland, was beginning to benefit from a consistency of approach so lacking in the European championship last year. Now he would return to square one, his side apparently dictated by his perception of the strengths not of his own team but of the opposition.

The moral of the last-ditch equaliser against Poland appeared to be a football truism: there is no substitute for a telling cross delivered from behind the opposition defence. In Norway the two architects of England's one penetrative move of the Poland match, Barnes and Dorigo, were dropped, while the executioner, the half-fit Wright, was again held back until England had lost the initiative.

An alarming proportion of England's recent goals has come from Platt, banished to midfield in favour of Ferdinand, whose strength and speed on the ball are more than nullified by deficiencies in distribution and finishing.

But the cries for the removal of Taylor camouflage a far greater need: the removal of the men at the Football Association responsible for appointing the safe options, such as the Robsons and the Taylors, and for passing over the dangerous ones, such as Clough or Jack Charlton, who was snaffled by the Republic of Ireland from under England's noses.

British sport has increasingly fallen prey to rule by committee, which chooses not the man most likely to succeed, but the man to whom there are the fewest objections.

It is the classic Catch-22: those empowered to appoint feel threatened by those they should appoint and therefore appoint a weaker candidate.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL NEWTON,
Thoreau,
Brook Street,
Dedham, Colchester, Essex.

From Mr Chris Reiter

Sir, After the staggeringly inept performance of the English team against Norway, one wonders how much blame the managers of English league teams may be willing to shoulder.

Despite the abuse and criticism that heaped upon Graham Taylor's shoulders, he can only work with the material supplied him.

For a long while, it has been obvious that talent and skill have been missing in large measures from our national team, and the match, as if it were necessary, brought the shortcomings into stark relief.

If teams don't create and encourage traditional skills, how can England expect to perform in an international competition?

Yours faithfully,
CHRIS REITER,
14 St Ronans Circle,
Peterculter, Aberdeen.

From Mr Ben Patterson

Sir, Even allowing for a crippling shortage of skilful players; an exhausting league programme; injuries or the other usual "disruptions", and a crashing lack of tactical acumen on the part of the manager, England's performance against Norway was unacceptable. Despite the FA's intransigence, the manager ought to go.

The FA committeemen must act at once to cut their losses. Since the situation cannot get any worse, it is an ideal time to introduce a new face and, ideally, a fresh approach. Since money talks loud and clear to the FA, playing Poland in the autumn at an empty Wembley Stadium is surely too shuddering a prospect for them to contemplate.

Taylor's successor? The names of Glenn Hoddle, Terry Venables, Gerry Francis or even Osvaldo Ardiles spring to mind; let's hope the FA don't put up their "own" candidates.

Yours faithfully,
BEN PATTERSON,
13 Brackenbury Road, N2.

Dangers of table fences

From Mrs L. Ralston Saul

Sir, In her report on the Windsor Horse Trials (May 31) Jenny MacArthur wrote of the shadow cast over the event by the tragic death of Richard Adams. She also stated that it was the third death in eventing over the last three years and that there were 40,530 starts in the sport last year.

These figures were presumably given to illustrate that the risks involved in galloping a horse cross country over large fixed obstacles are minimal.

It would have been appropriate, however, to mention that all three fatalities have occurred whilst jumping table fences. Moreover, two further deaths have been caused by jumping these particular fences: one in competition in 1982 and the other whilst schooling this spring.

The statistics show that although one is unlikely to die eventing, the chances are far greater of having a fatal accident at the large, flat, table fences. The British Horse Society and the Pony Club should now seriously consider the wisdom of allowing these fences to remain part of their competitions.

Yours faithfully,
LAVENDER RALSTON SAUL,
Cider Press House,
Little Weston,
Yeovil, Somerset.

WORD WATCHING

Answers from page XX

SPARAGMOS

(b) The tearing apart of a hero, or his ritualised death in an analogous manner as represented in some tragedies or myths when it symbolises part of the cycle of death and rebirth, from the Greek *sparagmos* tearing or rending: "The disappearance of the hero, a theme which often takes the form of sparagmos or tearing to pieces."

RECIBIR

(c) In bullfighting, the action of a bull-fighter of receiving a charging bull while remaining stationary, from the Spanish word, literally "to receive": "There are several forms of estocada. Some are attacks on stationary bulls, others, as in the Recibir, are performed by the stationary man on the charging bull."

DISEUSE

(c) A female artiste who specialises in monologue, from the French for a talker: "The subtle, conning art of the diseuse, and her invisible company of supporting players."

JOGET

(a) A Malay popular dance, in which a couple improvises to the accompanying music, also attributively and transferred, the place where such dancing occurs, from the Malayan: "Dancing girls perform what is called the Joget — a real dance with an accompaniment of something like real music, though the orchestral instruments are very rude indeed."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

The white knight launched itself into the fray with 1 Ne6! and if ... Bxh3 2 Rxg7+ mates. Black tried 1 ... Bf6 but after 2 Rg7+! Bxg7 3 Qh7+ his king was too exposed and he soon succumbed.

Folly of old age

From Mr I. G. Miller

Sir, I began to take an interest in racing some 56 years ago and soon decided that the best way of finding a Grand National winner was to choose a youngish horse that had already run into a place in the previous year's race, and that the vital factor for the Derby was a well-bred horse that had already won over a mile and a half. This year, the choice was simple. Only one runner had won over the distance: Commander-in-Chief.

Alas, I didn't back it! Such is the folly of old age.

Yours faithfully,
IAN G. MILLER,
The Knoll,
Upper Stowe,
Northamptonshire.

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Lack of support

From Mrs Susan Powell

Sir, Lawrie Smith is without doubt this country's most successful yachtsman, and is thus fortunate to be able to hire out his services to a Spanish entry for the Whitbread Round the World Race (article, June 5).

There is, however, an all-British entry, funded by the Sports Aid Foundation. They are young and unproven, but their commitment and enthusiasm are an inspiration. They are still short of funds, but are happy to sail and work for the basic necessities of life.

I have first hand experience of the Youth Challenge half of the crew, who have spent two years desperately trying to find a sponsor, with no success in spite of considerable racing achievement, and have been largely supported by parents and friends.

They are happy to have joined forces with the Dolphin project to have the chance to sail and face the challenge that the race represents. As usual, however, with true amateurs in the country, no support or recognition is forthcoming until they have confounded their critics or proven themselves against the odds.

Yours faithfully,
SUSAN POWELL,
137 Upper Grosvenor Road,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Careless talk

From Mr Jamal Merchant

Sir, After the excellent bowling performances by Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis in recent county cricket matches, lavishly praised by correspondents all over the country, I trust that never again will there be talk of ball-tampering.

Yours truly,
JAMAL MERCHANT,
3 Gordondale Road,
Wimbledon Park, SW19.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: St Louis Cardinals 4, San Francisco Giants 3; Montreal Expos 4, Cincinnati Reds 2; Houston Astros 6, Philadelphia Phillies 3; Colorado Rockies 4, Pittsburgh Pirates 1; Chicago Cubs 5, New York Mets 1; San Diego Padres 5, Atlanta Braves 4; Los Angeles Dodgers 2, Florida Marlins 1.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 5, Boston Red Sox 4; Baltimore Orioles 6, Oakland Athletics 4; Toronto Blue Jays 14, California Angels 6; Milwaukee Brewers 2, Seattle Mariners 1; Detroit Tigers 6, Chicago White Sox 4; New York Yankees 9, Kansas City Royals 4; Minnesota Twins 3, Texas Rangers 2 (10 inns).

BASKETBALL

WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Italy 79, Bulgaria 69; Spain 92, Poland 66; France 71, Russia 53; Slovakia 88, Hungary 82.

BOXING

LAS VEGAS: Heavyweight: Mike Dixon (US) ko Alex Garcia (US), 2nd rnd.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Harrogate: Yorkshire 319-6 (M P Vaughan 123, S A Kellett 88) v Derbyshire. Southend: Warwickshire 283 (Wasim Khan 55, M Powell 6-67); Essex 33-1. Sittingbourne: Kent 245 (G R Cowdrey 64, A J Planck 50, D R Law 5-51); Sussex 77-1. Podsymister: Surrey 366-9 dec (N F Sergeant 85, D M Ward 74, G Kersey 67; B S Phelps 5-99); Glamorgan 41-1.
BAIN CLAPHSON TROPHY: Bradford: Yorkshire 259-7 (S A Kellett 93); Derbyshire 170. Yorkshire won by 89 runs. Sittingbourne: Kent 252-9 (D P Fulton 106, N J Llong 55; A N Jones 4-31); Sussex 179 (J A North 77; M M Patel 4-24). Kent won by 73 runs. Southend: Essex 231-8 (J P Stephenson 104, N V Knight 36, J J B Lewis 54; J Boiling 4-33); Surrey 228-9. Essex won by 3 runs. Finchampstead: Hampshire 339-2 (R S M Morris 154 not out, J R Wood 106); Warwickshire 188-8 (Wasim Khan 55). Hampshire won by 151 runs.

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Seventeenth stage (Varazze to Valle Varaita, 223km) (Italy unless stated): 1, M Saligari, 6hr 7min 0sec; 2, G Bortolami, at 1min 12sec; 3, M Santaromita, 1:14; 4, A Baffi, 3:40; 5, L Desbiens (Fr), 5:06; 6, M Fondriest, 9:16; 7, P Ugrumov (Lat), 9:16; 8, M Lelli, 9:16; 9, C Chiappucci, 9:16; 10, M Indurain (Sp), 9:16. Overall: 1, Indurain, 94hr 51min 51sec; 2, Ugrumov, at 46secs; 3, Chiappucci, 1:16; 4, Lelli, 1:46; 5, V Pulnikov (Ukr), 2:43; 6, Fondriest, 3:16; 7, P Tonkov (Russ), 3:19; 8, S Roche (Ire), 6:50; 9, M Argentin, 7:22; 10, F Giupponi, 7:39.

FOOTBALL

World Cup

Group three

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WORLD CUP: Asian Zone: Final round: Group D (in Seoul): Lebanon 2, Hong Kong 1; South Korea 7, India 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Korea	7	6	1	0	20	1	13
Bahrain	6	3	1	2	6	7	7
Lebanon	7	1	4	2	6	8	6
Hong Kong	6	2	1	3	8	13	5
India	6	0	1	5	4	19	1

UEFA UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying match: Group two: Holland 2, Norway 1.
TOULON: International under-21 tournament: Group A: Scotland 1, Bulgaria 0; France 3, Mexico 1.
ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Independiente 0, Belgrano 0; Boca Juniors 1, Platense 1; Deportivo Mandiyu 1, Racing Club 0; Talleres 1, Gimnasia Esgrima La Plata 0; Lanus 1, Newell's Old Boys 1; San Lorenzo de Almagro 1, River Plate 0; Argentinos Juniors 0, Ferro Carril Oeste 0; Estudiantes de la Plata 1, Velez Sarsfield 1; Deportivo Espanol 3, San Martin 2. Leading positions (after 18 matches): 1, Velez Sarsfield, 26pts; 2, Independiente, 23; 3, San Lorenzo de Almagro, 22 (Velez Sarsfield win championship).
JAPANESE LEAGUE: Kashima Antlers 3, Urawa Red Diamonds 1; Yokohama Flugels 1, JEF United Ichihara 0; Shimizu S-Pulse 1, Yokohama Marinos 2; Nagoya Grampus Eight 3, Verdy Kawasaki 1; Gamba Osaka 1, Hiroshima Sanfrecce 1 (Hiroshima won 4-3 on penalties). Leading positions (after eight matches): 1, Kashima Antlers, 12pts; 2, Hiroshima Sanfrecce, 12; 3, JEF United Ichihara, 8.
ROMANIAN LEAGUE: FC Brasov 1, Rapid Bucharest 0; FC Farul Constantia 6, Ciatul Galati 3; Dinamo Bucharest 7, CSM Resita 0; Gloria Bistrita 0, Steaua Bucharest 2; Universitatea Craiova 1, Electroputere Craiova 1; Politehnica Timisoara 1, Selena Bacau 1; FC Inter Sibiu 2, Petrolul Ploiesti 1; Sportul Studentesc 0, Progresul Bucharest 0. Postponed: Dacia Unirea Braila v Universitatea Cluj.
UKRAINIAN LEAGUE: Nyva Ternopil 1, Volyn Lutsk 1; Torpedo Zaporizhe 3, Tavria Simferopol 0; Zorya Lugansk 1, Metalist Kharkov 1; Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk 1, Dynamo Kiev 0; Kremin Kremenchuk 2, Shakhtyor Donetsk 1; Karpaty Lviv 2, Metalurg Zaporizhe 0; Bukovina Chernivtsy 0, Kryvbas Kryvly Rig 0; Chornomorets Odessa 1, Nyva Rivne 0. Leading positions (after 28 matches): 1, Dynamo, 40pts; 2, Dnipro, 40; 3, Chornomorets, 39.

GOLF

DOWNFIELD, Dundee: Amateur international match: Scotland v France: Foursomes: R Russell (Longniddry) and D Robertson (Cochrane Castle) bt C Sevaer and G Brizay, one hole; G Hay (Downfield) and D Kirkpatrick (Tantallon) bt B N Baulès and M Dieu, 3 and 2; G Sherry (Kilmarnock Barassie) and W Bryson (Drumpellier) bt S Delagrange and J Dahlstrom, 4 and 2. Singles: Russell bt Gerdieu, 4 and 3; Hay lost to Cevare, 4 and 3; Robertson halved with Brizay; Kirkpatrick bt Dahlstrom, 2 and 1; Sherry bt Baulès, one hole; Bryson lost to Delagrange, 2 and 1. Match score (after first day): Scotland 5½, France 3½.

MOTORCYCLING

ISLE OF MAN: TT races: Junior TT (four laps; 150.92 miles): 1, B Reid, Yamaha, 1hr 18min 38.6sec; 2, J Moodie, Honda, 1:18:45.8; 3, J Dunlop, Honda, 1:18:59.8. Supersports 600 TT (four laps): 1, J Moodie, Honda, 1:18:41.8secs (race record); 2, B Jackson, Honda, 1:19:03.6; 3, S Beck, Honda, 1:19:20.0.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: South African Barbarians XV 17, Wales XV 56; Eastern Province 8, France XV 18 (in Port Elizabeth).

SQUASH

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian women's open championships: Second round: M Martin (Aus) bt T Weeks (Aus), 9-6, 9-4, 9-7; S Macfie (Eng) bt S Bradley (Aus), 9-1, 9-5, 9-3; C Nitch (SA) bt D Sommers (Holl), 10-8, 9-0, 9-0; J Martin (Eng) bt E Pierce (US), 9-4, 9-2, 9-0; C Owens (Aus) bt P Beams (NZ), 9-6, 9-0, 9-0; S FitzGerald (Aus) bt R Cooper (Aus), 9-5, 9-7, 9-2; P Geaves (Eng) bt M Adachi (Japan), 9-0, 9-0, 9-0; L Irving (Aus) bt B Balknap (US), 9-3, 9-3, 9-3.

TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: Stella Artois championships: First round: J Morgan (Aus) bt D Pate (US), 6-2, 6-3; D Wheaton (US) bt N Pereira (Ven), 6-2, 4-6, 7-5; T Martin (US) bt S Lareau (Can), 6-2, 6-3. Second round: B Becker (Ger) bt C Adams (US), 6-1, 6-3; G Raoux (Fr) bt T Woodbridge (Aus), 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; D Wiit (US) bt R Matheson (GB), 6-3, 6-4; M Stich (Ger) bt J Bates (GB), 6-3, 6-2; M Ondruska (SA) bt L Herrera (Mex), 6-2, 6-3; R Reneberg (US) bt L Tieleman (It), 6-1, 7-6; G Stafford (SA) bt P Sampras (US), 5-7, 7-5, 6-4; M Woodforde (Aus) b M Tebbutt (Aus), 6-4, 6-2.
FLORENCE: Men's tournament: First round: R Fromberg (Aus) bt O Fernandez (Mex), 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; F De Wulf (Bel) bt T Carbonell (Sp), 6-3, 3-6, 7-6; N Kulti (Swe) bt Cuna-Silva (Por), 6-4, 6-3; A Corretja (Sp) bt M Antonio Gontz (Sp), 6-2, 6-1; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt D Nargiso (It), 6-1, 6-1; H De La Pena (Arg) bt C Mazzadri (Switz), 7-6, 6-2; J Arrese (Sp) bt G Markus (Arg), 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.
ROSMALEN, Holland: Men's tournament: Second round: M Washington (US) bt D Vacek (Cz), 7-6, 3-6, 6-3; A Boetsch (Fr) bt J Siemerink (Holl), 6-3, 7-6; C Pioline (Fr) bt J Eagle (US), 6-4, 6-7, 6-3; G Pozzi (It) bt A Medvedev (Ukr), 6-3, 7-6.

CRICKET

(11.00 unless stated)

Tetley Bitter Challenge

Second day of three
11.0, 104 overs minimum
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v The Australians.

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(First day of three)
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CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Yorkshire.
GATESHEAD FELL: Durham v Middlesex.
BASINGSTOKE: Hampshire v Kent.
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Essex.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Glamorgan.
HOVE: Sussex v Northamptonshire.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Leicestershire.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three): Southend: Essex v Warwickshire; Pontymister: Glamorgan v Surrey; Cheltenham (Dowty Arle Court): Gloucestershire v Worcestershire; Sittingbourne (Gore Court): Kent v Sussex; Southport: Lancashire v Durham; Leicester: Leicestershire v Hampshire; Northampton (Old Northamptonians): Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire; Harrogate: Yorkshire v Derbyshire.

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: British women's amateur championship (Royal Lytham and St Annes).
CYCLING: Milk Race (Sheffield to Liverpool).
TENNIS: Stella Artois championships (Queen's Club, London); DFS Classic (Edgbaston).
MOTORCYCLING: TT Races (Isle of Man).
ROWING: Cambridge University May races.

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Levy Board counts National cost

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

THE Grand National fiasco cost racing £700,000 in income from lost betting revenue, it was disclosed yesterday.

"It was a very severe blow at the beginning of the [financial] year," Rodney Brack, chief executive of the Horserace Betting Levy Board said.

Betting on the world's most famous steeplechase, boosted by once-a-year punters, normally tops £45 million and the levy returned to the sport is the largest from any race in the British calendar.

Sir John Sparrow, chairman of the Levy Board, said: "There is a possibility some of the money will eventually get recycled back into betting but the National is a race that attracts once-a-year betting and so, therefore, that money is gone for ever."

The Levy Board, which collects the £50 million a year deductions paid by off-course betting shop punters, had urged Aintree to re-run the National this November following the cancellation of the race in April due to two false starts. "In the end Aintree decided against it and we had to accept it," Brack added.

To make matters worse for racing's paymasters, betting turnover on last week's Derby is expected to be below average due to potential backers being put off a wager by the odds-on favourite, Tenby.

Despite the two gloomy items, Sir John was able to present a reasonably upbeat report on the sport's finances, thanks to the effects of reduced betting duty, increased turnover from the evening opening of betting shops, and a slight revival in overall betting turnover.

Total prize money contributions by the Levy Board in 1994 will be £27 million, an increase of £1.2 million (4.6 per cent) on this year. Interest-free loans to racecourses for development projects will jump to more than £5 million in the forthcoming financial year. Cash balances, dangerously depleted when Sir John took over the chairmanship in January 1991, will be £5 million by next April.

Sir John, deservedly reappointed by the home secretary yesterday as chairman of the Levy Board for a further three years from next January, said racing was past the worst in terms of the decline in betting turnover.

"But we are still a long way below where we were three or four years ago and we are still seeing a decline in real terms over any reasonable period in betting turnover," he added.

Despite intense criticism from some quarters, the Levy Board remains open-minded about the effects of the Jockey Club's controversial new competitive racing structure which has led to smaller fields in some big-race handicaps. It will discover more today at a meeting of the betting patterns working party.

"From my totally unscientific method of looking at fields for these races it seems to be beneficial," Sir John said. "As the lessons emerge they seem to be being learned."

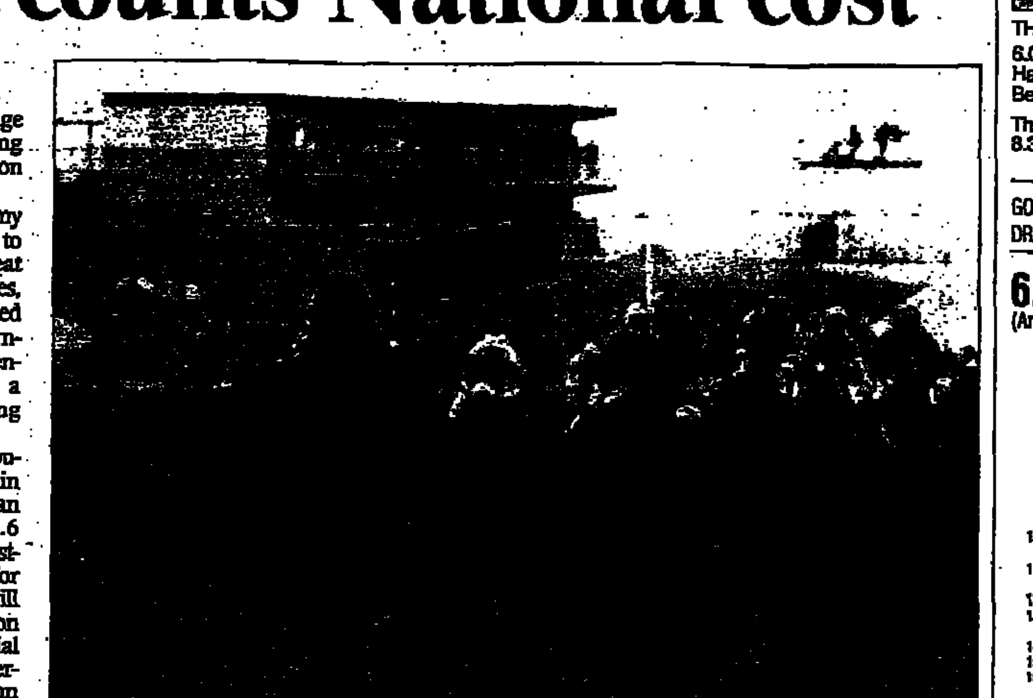
The opening of betting shops in the evening will increase Levy Board support for evening fixtures next year, with a target of two meetings a night, four days a week.

The sale of Kempton Park, Sandown Park and Epsom, run by United Racecourses on behalf of the Levy Board, will move a step closer in September when Sir John and his colleagues consider whether the economic climate is more conducive. A precondition of any sale is that high quality racing should continue indefinitely at the three tracks.

Sir John's review of the Levy Board's year came on the eve of today's launch of the British Horseracing Board (BHB), the new body set up to run racing in the wake of a powerful report by the Commons home affairs select committee.

The select committee also suggested that the BHB could eventually subsume the roles of the Levy Board and the Tote. Sir John said yesterday: "I was once asked if I expected to be the last chairman of the Levy Board and I answered 'no'. Same answer."

While sympathetic with the free market philosophy of allowing racing to negotiate directly with bookmakers over the price of its product, he added: "I can visualise it, but nobody to my knowledge has come anywhere close to identifying how they would do it."



Point of no return: the cancellation of the Grand National cost racing £700,000

Nap: JETBEEAH
(3.30 Newbury)
Next best: Croft Valley
(2.30 Newbury)

THUNDERER
2.00 Perdition
2.30 Croft Valley
3.00 Soul Emperor
3.30 Jetbeeah
4.00 Lemon Souffle
4.30 Ballah Shack
5.00 Penny Drops

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 RAINBOW LAKE (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 6F-1M STR, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 CORK GULLY APPRENTICE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,172: 7f) (9 runners)

101 (9) 0-0 NOBLE RISK 12 (Heathavon Stables) R Hannon 9-0 ... A Whelan (5) 80
102 (1) 000-335 SUPERENSIS 5 (B) (A de V Patrick) W Muir 9-0 ... Kim McDonnell (5) 74
103 (4) 0U TIME AGAIN 19 (B Shannon) L Cumani 9-0 ... J Weaver 97
104 (3) 0-2 HATTON'S GEM 19 (I Willis) J Fanshawe 8-9 ... N Varley (5) 99
105 (6) 000- NATASHA NORTH 231 (G Greenwood) T Casey 8-9 ... F Norton —
106 (5) 205-024 PERDITION 10 (The Losers Owners Group) J Hills 8-9 ... D Harrison 98
107 (7) SALLY OF THE ALLEY (S Powell) J Sutcliffe 8-9 ... B Russell (5) —
108 (8) 05- SELECTABLE 383 (J Grist) M Usher 8-9 ... D Wright —
109 (2) 250030- SWEET DISORDER 215 (C Morris) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-9 ... B Doyle 83

BETTING: 9-4 Time Again, 3-1 Hatton's Gem, 7-2 Perdition, 5-1 Superensis, 13-2 Sweet Disorder, 10-1 Noble Risk, 12-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

SUPERENSIS 1l 3rd of 10 to Jadirah in a handicap at Brighton (1m, firm) on penultimate start. TIME AGAIN 9l 7th of 10 to a maiden at Newbury (1m, good).
HATTON'S GEM 6l 2nd of 9 to Castel Rosselo in a maiden auction at Catterick (7f, good to soft) with TIME AGAIN unseating his rider over 2f out. PERDITION 11l 4th of 10 to The Executor in a maiden auction at Leicester (1m, good). SWEET DISORDER 4¼l 3rd of 18 to Benevolent in a nursery at Leicester (7f, soft).
Selection: HATTON'S GEM

2.30 GEORGE SMITH MEMORIAL RATED HANDICAP
(£6,477: 7f) (12 runners)

201 (6) 030-601 TAUFAN BLU 28 (B,D,F,G,S) (Hambleton Promb) B Beasley 4-9-7 ... D Pears (5) 93
202 (4) 24313/0 CORALS DREAM 13 (D,S) (Mrs C Hanson) C Wall 4-9-2 ... W Woods —
203 (11) 00116-6 ROCKY WATERS 59 (D,F,G) (K Higson) B Moore 4-9-1 ... B Rouse 85
204 (5) 55-3351 BRIGADE 10 (D,S) (D Loder) D Loder 4-9-0 (3ex) ... L Dettori 84
205 (10) 0-65320 BEWARE OF AGENTS 29 (D,F,S) (B Yeardley Ltd) M Johnston 4-8-12 M Roberts 90
206 (12) 3620-01 AMAZE 13 (C,S) (Lady Katharine Phillips) Lady Herries 4-8-12 ... Paul Eddery 99
207 (3) 0/12231- CROFT VALLEY 229 (D,F,G,S) (Miss V Pratt) R Akehurst 6-8-11 ... T Quinn 98
208 (9) 21300-0 NOBLE PET 43 (D,S) (A Schiff) P Makin 4-8-10 ... A Munro 89
209 (1) 03214-5 LAW COMMISSION 81 (D,F) (R Tooth) D Elsworth 3-8-10 ... J Williams 89
210 (8) 13400-0 MANGO MANILA 20 (D,G,S) (R Del Rosario) C Horgan 8-8-7 ... Pat Eddery 84
211 (7) 446420- PRENONAMOSS 216 (F) (Mrs W Oram) D Arbuthnot 5-8-7 ... W Carson 85
212 (2) 31-30 NORFOLK HERO 19 (C,G) (Lady D Watts) D Murray Smith 3-7-12 ... C Rutter 97

Long handicap: Mango Manila 8-3, Prenonamoss 8-0.

BETTING: 3-1 Brigade, 4-1 Taufan Blu, 11-2 Beware Of Agents, Croft Valley, 7-1 Amaze, 10-1 Law Commission, 14-1 Noble Pet, Rocky Waters, 16-1 others.

1992: SUNDAY'S HILL 3-9-7 J Reid (12-1) M Blanshard 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

TAUFAN BLU beat Forever Diamonds 3½l in a 9-runner handicap at Thirsk (7f, soft). BRIGADE beat Bold Amusement 1½l in a 5-runner conditions race at Redcar (7f, good).
BEWARE OF AGENTS ½l 2nd of 7 to Little Bean in handicap at Haydock (7f, good) on penultimate start. AMAZE beat Cee-Jay-Ay 1l in a 10-runner handicap at Haydock (1m, soft) with CORALS DREAM (5lb better off) 8¼l 8th. CROFT VALLEY beat Deprecator 1½l in a 9-runner conditions race at Doncaster (7f, good). LAW COMMISSION, useful juvenile, 2¼l last of 5 to Right Win in a listed race at Kempton (1m, soft).
Selection: AMAZE

3.00 COOPERS & LYBRAND SUMMER HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £7,050: 1m 4f 5yd) (5 runners)

301 (2) 235-31 DARECLIFF 26 (C,G) (A Lalter) R Hannon 9-7 ... J Reid 91
302 (1) 3101-55 THE SEER 30 (F,S) (A Aspinall) B Hills 9-1 ... D Holland 97
303 (3) 510-24 SOUL EMPEROR 23 (S) (F Salman) M Bell 9-0 ... A Munro 98
304 (4) 0-41 DREAMS ARE FREE 13 (S) (R Sangster) H Cecil 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 99
305 (5) 020-644 MIDYAN BLUE 19 (K Palmer) J Eustace 8-4 ... N Kennedy (3) 99

BETTING: 5-2 Dreams Are Free, 3-1 Darecliff, 7-2 Midyan Blue, 4-1 The Seer, 5-1 Soul Emperor.

1992: INCHCAILLOCH 9-7 Pat Eddery (11-4 fav) R Charlton 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

DARECLIFF beat George Dillingham neck in a 19-runner maiden here (1m 2f, good). THE SEER 10l 5th of 11 to Persian Brave in handicap at York (1m 2f 85yd, good to soft). SOUL EMPEROR 8½l 4th of 7 to Pistol River in a handicap at Goodwood (1m 4f, good). DREAMS ARE FREE beat Cutlass neck in maiden at Salisbury (1m 2f, good to soft). MIDYAN BLUE ½l 4th to Brigante Di Cielo in a handicap at Lingfield (1m 2f, good to soft).
Selection: MIDYAN BLUE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
P Chapple-Hyam	12	36	33.3	Pat Eddery	49	246	19.9
H Cecil	27	90	30.0	L Dettori	24	153	15.7
L Cumani	9	62	14.5	W Carson	35	230	15.2
B Hills	17	151	11.3	M Roberts	33	231	14.2
M Bell	3	27	11.1	D Harrison	6	43	14.0
I Balding	20	186	10.8	W R Swinburn	20	167	12.0

3.30 BALLYMACOLL STUD STAKES
(Listed race: 3-Y-O fillies: £11,160: 1m 2f 6yd) (9 runners)

401 (8) 1- ARUSHA 229 (C,S) (R Tooth) D Elsworth 8-9 ... J Williams 88
402 (4) 4212-34 BRIGHT SPELLS 27 (G) (C Harper) D Elsworth 8-9 ... T Quinn 96
403 (6) 035-11 DANA SPRINGS 45 (G,S) (B Howard-Spink) R Hannon 8-9 ... L Dettori 84
404 (9) 31 JETBEEAH 12 (G) (B Mussabeh) J Fanshawe 8-9 ... W R Swinburn 84
405 (3) 1-45 LACERTA 27 (C,S) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9 ... J Reid 96
406 (7) 0-31 MASHAIR 13 (D,S) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-9 ... W Carson 95
407 (2) 0233-64 NO RESERVATIONS 10 (F,G) (C Sumner, J Short) R J-Houghton 8-9 R Cochrane 94
408 (1) 61 RAINBOW LAKE 13 (S) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 8-9 ... Pat Eddery 86
409 (5) 000-203 SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 22 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-9 ... M Roberts 99

BETTING: 7-4 Rainbow Lake, 3-1 Mashair, 11-2 Bright Spells, Seasonal Splendour, 7-1 Jetbeeah, 8-1 Arusha, 10-1 Lacerta, 14-1 others.

1992: FEMININE WILES 8-9 Paul Eddery (9-2) P Chapple-Hyam 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARUSHA beat Andromaque ½l in an 8-runner conditions race here (1m, soft). BRIGHT SPELLS 4l 4th of 7 to Athens Belle in a listed race over course and distance (good) with LACERTA (same terms) 2l 5th.
DANA SPRINGS completed double, beat Buglet head in a 13-runner handicap at Windsor (1m 3f 135yd, good to soft). JETBEEAH beat Majestic ½l in a 19-runner maiden at Kempton (1m, good).
MASHAIR beat Dancing Prize 3½l in a 12-runner maiden at Salisbury (1m 2f, good to soft). NO RESERVATIONS 3l 4th of 6 to Polka Dancer in a listed race at Sandown (1m, good to firm). RAINBOW LAKE beat Anaadh 5l in a 5-runner maiden at Haydock (1m 4f, soft). SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 3½l 3rd of 7 to Gisarne in a listed race at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: BRIGHT SPELLS (nap)

4.00 SIKKENS MASTERSTROKE CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £5,708: 6f 8yd) (3 runners)

501 (1) 01 PRINCE BABAR 26 (C,G) (G Pritchard-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-12 ... N Day 99
502 (3) 1 ROBELLION 33 (F) (G Thompson) D Arbuthnot 8-10 ... T Quinn 91
503 (2) 1 LEMON SOUFFLE 45 (S) (Lord Carnarvon) R Hannon 8-7 ... L Piggott 90

BETTING: 8-13 Lemon Souffle, 9-4 Prince Babar, 4-1 Robellion.

1992: PERFECT HALO 8-7 T Quinn (9-2) P Cole 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

PRINCE BABAR beat Serious Option head in maiden auction here (5f, good). ROBELLION beat Sweet Decision ½l in a maiden auction at Bath (5f, firm).
LEMON SOUFFLE beat Cyarna Quinn 2½l in conditions race at Windsor (5f, good to soft).
Selection: ROBELLION

4.30 EBF KENNETT MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,077: 6f 8yd) (16 runners)

601 (16) 6 BALLAH SHACK 40 (A Al Khalifa) G Lewis 9-0 ... Paul Eddery —
602 (7) BLAIR CASTLE (Highflyers) I Balding 9-0 ... L Dettori —
603 (5) BLUEGRASS PRINCE (Bezwell Fixings) R Hannon 9-0 ... Pat Eddery —
604 (8) 0 CHEF D'ETAT 15 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 9-0 ... M Roberts —
605 (15) DUELLO (J Oliver) M Blanshard 9-0 ... J Quinn —
606 (6) EIGHTEEN TWELVE (Mrs L Davies) R Hannon 9-0 ... J Reid —
607 (9) FAWLTY TOWERS (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 ... A Munro —
608 (10) 0 FIRST SHOT 23 (Mrs C Sinden) P Hedger 9-0 ... M Perrett —
609 (3) IMPERIAL TREATMENT (R Barnett) H Candy 9-0 ... W Newnes —
610 (14) KINGSCOURT JOHN-A (R Jess) J Moore 9-0 ... B Rouse —
611 (12) REPREHEND (Mrs C Powell) R Hannon 9-0 ... R Cochrane —
612 (13) SHARP THRILL (K Burks) B Smart 9-0 ... A Tucker —
613 (2) SOUTHERN RIDGE (B Brown) D Elsworth 9-0 ... J Williams —
614 (11) TANBIH (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 9-0 ... W Carson —
615 (1) TOP TYCOON (Mrs A Valentine) R Hannon 9-0 ... R Perham —
616 (4) WILDFIRE (R Kilby) R Akehurst 9-0 ... T Quinn —

BETTING: 7-2 Blair Castle, 4-1 Fawlty Towers, 5-1 Reprehend, 11-2 Chef D'Etat, 7-1 Ballah Shack, 8-1 Southern Ridge, 10-1 Imperial Treatment, 12-1 others.

1992: CHADDLEWORTH 9-0 J Reid (4-6 fav) P Chapple-Hyam 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLAIR CASTLE (Foaled Mar 23, cost 45,000gns) by Waajib and is the first foal of a dam placed over 6f/7f. BLUEGRASS PRINCE (Apr 5, 13,000gns) is a half-brother by Bluebird to several winners, including 1m winner Bammene. CHEF D'ETAT 12l 11th of 17 to Governor George in a maiden here (6f, good to soft). FAWLTY TOWERS (Feb 15, 40,000gns) is a half-brother by Fools Holme to useful stayer Princess Genista. SOUTHERN RIDGE (Jan 29) by Indian Ridge and is the first foal of useful 7f/1m winner Southern Sky. TANBIH (Feb 19) by Warning and is the first foal of Wishah, a smart performer from 1m-1m2f.
No selection

5.00 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£3,640: 1m str) (11 runners)

1 (7) 553/ MASTER EUROLINK 590 (Eurolink Group) L Cumani 4-9-11 ... R Cochrane —
2 (11) 466100 MAC'S FIGHTER 15 (B,D,F,S) (C Lang) R O'Sullivan 8-9-11 ... B Russell (7) 87
3 (1) 060-004 WAVE HILL 12 (D,F,G) (J Whelan) P Hedger 4-8-7 ... M Perrett 99
4 (4) 00-8020 SHINING JEWEL 20 (D,F,G) (D Rolt) Mrs L Piggott 6-9-5 ... L Piggott 92
5 (8) 41125-3 PENNY DROPS 47 (C,D,G,S) (S Sharp) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-6 ... D Harrison (3) 94
6 (9) 4530-02 REGALSETT 9 (F) (G Mitzell) R Hannon 3-9-5 ... M Roberts 90
7 (2) 1003-03 SAIFAN 20 (B,D,F) (Mrs R Hawes) D Morris 4-9-5 ... C Hodgson (5) 98
8 (5) 0300-06 SUPER BENZ 19 (F,G,S) (Whitestonecliffe Racing) B Beasley 7-9-4 ... D Pears (5) 93
9 (3) 140010 THEMAAM 13 (D,G) (Wetherby Racing Bureau) T Thomson Jones 4-8-6 Pat Eddery 96
10 (6) 160320 KISSAVOS 22 (D,F,S) (R Berenson) C C Elsey 7-8-4 ... W Newnes 93
11 (10) 0-00 TURTLE POWER 21 (Mrs C Humphrey) T Thomson Jones 3-7-10 ... A Tucker 82

BETTING: 7-2 Penny Drops, 5-1 Wave Hill, 11-2 Saifan, 6-1 Regalsett, 8-1 Shining Jewel, Super Benz, 10-1 Kissavos, 12-1 Mac's Fighter, 14-1 Themaam, 16-1 others.

1992: CAMDEN'S RANSOM 5-8-9 Ross Berry (7-2 fav) D Elsworth 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

WAVE HILL 4½l 4th of 14 to Alderbrook in a handicap at Kempton (1m 2f, good). SHINING JEWEL 1l 2nd of 16 to Navaresque in a lady riders' handicap at Lingfield (7f, good) on penultimate start. PENNY DROPS, engaged 7.40 Kempton yesterday, 2¼l 3rd of 17 to Walking The Plank in a handicap at Leicester (1m, good). REGALSETT 2l 2nd of 11 to Mougins in a claimer at Sandown (1m, firm). SAIFAN 1½l 3rd of 17 to Indian Slave in a conditions race at Newmarket (7f, good) with SHINING JEWEL (1lb worse off) 11½l 10th. KISSAVOS 3l 2nd of 27 to Rise Up Singing in a lady riders' handicap at Newmarket (7f, good) on penultimate start with SHINING JEWEL 9th, THEMAAM 19th and SAIFAN 24th.
Selection: KISSAVOS

CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER
6.00 Marsh Warbler. 6.30 Blazing Heart. 7.00 Haunted Wood. 7.30 Lady Lacey. 8.00 Who's The Best. 8.30 Silent Expression. 9.00 Capiche.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 8.30 SILENT EXPRESSION.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.00 ORSINO HANDICAP
(Amateurs: £2,847: 7f 16yd) (19 runners)

1 0/00 RELENTLESS PURSUIT 19 (G) P Chapple-Hyam 5-12-0 ... Mrs J Chapple-Hyam (5) 2
2 350- TEANARCO 254 (D,F,G,S) P Murphy 5-11-9 ... Mrs P Nash 10
3 6-13 QUINTA ROYALE 35 (D,F,S) W G M Turner 6-11-4 ... Mrs J Saidt (5) 8
4 20-3 CASHMIRIANA 9 J Bosley 4-11-0 ... Mrs S Bosley (3) 7
5 4660 BILL MOON 19 (C,D,F,G) P Felden 7-10-11 ... Miss J Felden 3
6 605 NO GAIN 26 B Smart 3-10-11 ... Mrs C Guest (5) 15
7 5001 PRINCE ROONEY 6 (CD,G,S) P Butler 5-10-11 (5ex) ... Mrs J Crossley 16
8 0500 BLOWING 19 G Harwood 3-10-9 ... Miss A Harwood 18
9 00-0 CHRISTIAN WARRIOR 24 R Peacock 4-10-5 Mrs C Peacock (5) 5
10 103- SPANISH LOVE 248 (CD,F,S) Mrs S Williams 7-10-4 ... Mrs S Williams (5) 17
11 0-02 GOTT'S DESIRE 13 (B,D,F) C Broad 7-10-4 ... Miss S Jakeway (5) 12
12 000- KNITWYN 267 D Long 3-10-4 ... Miss J Winter 4
13 0004 COURTING NEWMARKET 34 (G) Mrs A Knight 5-10-3 ... Miss J Southcombe 13
14 0/55 MARSH WARBLER 75 R Frost 5-9-13 ... Mrs C Dunwoody (5) 6
15 -000 OSSATHORPE 8 (D,G) M Usher 8-9-10 ... Mrs A Usher (3) 9
16 00-6 PRINCESS JESTINA 17 (F,G) G Yardley 5-9-7 ... Miss A Yardley (5) 1
17 000- COOCHIE 14J (B) R Baker 4-9-7 ... Miss S Farrant (3) 11
18 050- BREEN'S STUBBS 10J (F) A Barrow 6-9-7 ... Mrs S Hobbs 14
19 05/0- MOST INTERESTING 10J G Jones 8-9-7 ... G Lewis 19

7-2 Prince Rooney, 6-1 Gott's Desire, 7-1 Cashmiriana, 8-1 Quinta Royale, 10-1 Bill Moon, Marsh Warbler, 16-1 others.

6.30 EBF MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,325: 6f 16yd) (14)

1 BLAZING HEART I Balding 9-0 ... L Dettori 3
2 00 CLANCY'S EXPRESS 34 M Muggeridge 9-0 ... R Price 7
3 MELODY DANCER R Hollinshead 9-0 ... W Carson 10
4 0 RED NECK 26 B Palling 9-0 ... Paul Eddery 14
5 SECOND SIGHT M Prescott 9-0 ... M Roberts 9
6 02 SHERIFF 23 J Hills 9-0 ... M Hills 12
7 SPEEDY SNAPS IMAGE M Muggeridge 9-0 ... M Perrett 1
8 04 WICKLOW BOY 16 R Hannon 9-0 ... J Reid 4
9 0 DISH OF THE DAY 10 M Fetherston-Godley 8-9 ... C Rutter 8
10 FAIRFIELD CHOICE C Barwell 8-9 ... D Holland 11
11 6654 FOREVER BLUSHING 15 P Butler 8-9 ... S Drowne (7) 13
12 MELLICENT NORTH P Murphy 8-9 ... J Williams 6
13 05 MOCKINGBIRD 15 Lord Huntingdon 8-9 ... A Munro 5
14 50 RAMBOLD 10 T Jones 8-9 ... T Williams 2

15-8 Sheriff, 3-1 Blazing Heart, 13-2 Wicklow Boy, 8-1 Melody Dancer, Mockingbird, 10-1 Second Sight, 20-1 others.

7.00 TARMAC CONSTRUCTION FILLIES MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,348: 1m 4f 23yd) (10)

1 0-02 ARAADH 13 H Thomson Jones 8-11 ... W Carlisle 3
2 32 CUTLASS 13 W Hern 8-11 ... J Reid 10
3 05 ELA BILLANTE 20 J Fanshawe 8-11 ... P Robinson 7
4 40 FAIR TO THE WIND 26 (BF) M Stoute 8-11 ... Paul Eddery 9
5 3 FOINERY 10 Mrs J Cecil 8-11 ... J Quinn 4
6 4-0 HAUNTED WOOD 48 H Cecil 8-11 ... M Roberts 6
7 MY SET PEACE M Muggeridge 8-11 ... M Perrett 1
8 3 NAWAHIL 13 A Stewart 8-11 ... W Carson 2
9 SHE KNEW THE RULES M Channon 8-11 ... C Rutter 5
10 THREEMILESTONE L Cumani 8-11 ... J Weaver (3) 8

9-4 Haunted Wood, 7-2 Cutlass, 4-1 Nawahil, 13-2 Foinery, 10-1 Araadh, Threemilestone, 12-1 Fair To The Wind, 16-1 Ela Billante, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 10 winners from 18 runners, 55.6%; H Cecil, 8 from 16, 50%; H Thomson Jones, 6 from 14, 42.9%; Lord Huntingdon, 4 from 18, 22.2%; M Stoute, 3 from 15, 20%; H Candy, 7 from 37, 18.9%.

JOCKEYS: M Roberts, 10 from 32, 31.3%; L Dettori, 9 from 33, 27.3%; W Carson, 9 from 44, 20.5%; T Sprake, 8 from 51, 15.7%; J Reid, 12 from 82, 14.6%; A Munro, 4 from 34, 11.8%.

7.30 WORTHINGTON BEST BITTER HANDICAP
(£3,349: 1m 2f 36yd) (15)

1 -503 SCOTTISH BAMBI 9 (D,F,G) R Hannon 5-9-10 ... R Perham 9
2 4-60 TIME FOR A FLUTTER 26 (B) G James 4-9-3 ... W Newnes 2
3 30-6 LER CRU 22 (F) J Ffitch-Heyes 4-9-2 ... T Williams 6
4 2412 HERE HE COMES 16 (BF,D,F,G) R Akehurst 7-8-12 A Munro 12
5 3001 TENDRESSE 13 (D,F,G,S) C Hill 5-8-10 ... M Roberts 14
6 45-0 CELIA BRADY 23 (F) H Candy 5-8-9 ... C Rutter 7
7 60-0 CLEAR LIGHT 21 (D,G) C Smith 6-8-7 ... M Wigham 15
8 0206 LADY LACEY 13 (V,F,G,S) G Balding 6-8-6 ... R Price 10
9 6-00 NORTHERN TRIAL 28 K Burke 5-8-6 ... D Holland 1
10 1534 HOMEMAKER 13 (F,S) P Murphy 3-8-6 ... J Williams 4
11 4400 SINCLAIR LAD 14 (D,F,G) R Hodges 5-8-4 ... S Drowne (7) 8
12 00-0 GALLANT JACK 13 D Haydn Jones 4-7-13 ... A Tucker 5
13 0-00 WAR REQUIEM 13 G Balding 3-7-8 ... N Adams 13
14 U00- SMART TEACHER 302 P Harris 3-7-7 ... J Quinn 11
15 60-0 BELIA FLOR 87J (F) F Jordan 6-7-7 ... D Wright (7) 3

7-2 Here He Comes, 4-1 Tendresse, 5-1 Scottish Bambi, 7-1 Celia Brady, 8-1 Lady Lacey, 12-1 Northern Trial, Homemaker, 16-1 others.

8.00 EVENING SELLING HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,679: 1m 14yd) (16)

1 1005 AIR COMMAND 17 (G) R Hodges 9-7 ... L Dettori 4
2 00-0 JUNCTION TWENTYTWO 9 C Broad 9-4 ... J Williams 10
3 -054 BEYOND THE LIMIT 13 D Marks 9-4 ... W Carson 16
4 0-00 JAFETICA 13 D Long 9-4 ... W Newnes 5
5 3600 EARLY TO RISE 15 C Cyzer 9-1 ... M Roberts 14
6 22-0 B B GLEN 38 D Morris 9-1 ... C Hodgson (5) 9
7 00-0 MALZETA 45 M Heaton-Ellis 8-13 ... D Wright (7) 12
8 0-20 SOOJAMA 13 R Voorspuy 8-12 ... S Dawson 7
9 4540 DESIRABLE MISS 16 (V,S) M Britain 8-11 ... M Wigham 1
10 0004 WHO'S THE BEST 22 A Jarvis 8-10 ... S Whitworth 6
11 00-5 FLYING AMY 13 W G M Turner 8-8 ... T Sprake 2
12 P60 OLIVIA VAL 15 C Hill 8-8 ... T Williams 3
13 -050 WHYALLA RAIN 9 R Hollinshead 8-8 ... J Reid 13
14 000- ANNIE ROSE 258 R Frost 8-8 ... C Rutter 11
15 0403 NIGHTMARE LADY 15 R Harris 8-3 ... C Hawksley (7) 15
16 0-00 AMBIVALENTATTITUDE 35 D Jermy 8-0 ... N Adams 8

9-2 Who's The Best, 11-2 Desirable Miss, 6-1 Beyond The Limit, 13-2 Early To Rise, 10-1 Air Command, Soojama, 12-1 Malzeta, 14-1 B B Glen, 16-1 others.

8.30 GOOD NIGHT CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,728: 7f 16yds) (10)

1 BOY SOLDIER T Mills 8-13 ... N Gwilliams (5) 2
2 -400 LOVE IN THE MIST 13 (B) I Balding 8-12 ... L Dettori 7
3 3311 CALISAR 19 (D,G,S) W G M Turner 8-11 ... T Sprake 10
4 0 WHATONE BELL 24 (B) M Muggeridge 8-9 ... Mark Denaro (7) 4
5 -322 SILENT EXPRESSION 9 (BF,F) D Morris 8-8 ... C Hodgson (5) 6
6 MOUNTAIN REACH L Holt 8-7 ... C Avery 5
7 6-00 NIGELS PROSPECT 10 D Haydn Jones 8-5 ... J Williams 8
8 RISKY TUESDAY G Yardley 8-4 ... R Price 1
9 003 SHEFFORD 13 M Usher 8-4 ... M Roberts 3
10 0 NANOUONO 26 J Bennett 8-0 ... J Quinn 9

2-1 Silent Expression, 7-2 Love In The Mist, 4-1 Calisar, 9-2 Shefford, 12-1 Nigels Prospect, 20-1 others.

9.00 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,182: 2m 49yd) (11)

1 0/0- PEARLED 454 J Bostock 6-11-5 ... P Smith Eccles (7)
2 0 RUFFTRADE 33 C Brooks 6-11-5 ... Mr R White
3 ADAJOKE Mrs A Knight 4-11-0 ... W Sterry (7)
4 56 CAPICHE 47 J Etherington 4-11-0 ... P Hide (5)
5 0 CHRIS'S GLEN 33 J Bradley 4-11-0 ... J McCarthy (5)
6 00 DEE EM AITCH 94 C James 4-11-0 ... D Leahy (5)
7 6 GLENFINN PRINCESS 33 K Bridgwater 5-11-0 ... V Slattery (3)
8 NELLYBAAN Mrs R Harry 5-11-0 ... Mr E Williams (7)
9 0 HERESY 64 R Mathew 4-10-9 ... M P Fitzgerald (7)
10 6 LELLAJES 33 R Hollinshead 4-10-9 ... B Clifford
11 5 STORMY PETREL 33 P Walwyn 4-10-9 ... Mr P MacEwan

3-1 Stormy Petrel, 9-2 Capiche, 5-1 Rufftrade, 6-1 Lellajes, 10-1 Glenfinn Princess, 12-1 Dee Em Aitch, 14-1 Chris's Glen, 20-1 others.

☐ Lyric Fantasy is now 2-1 favourite, from 5-2, with William Hill for the King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot tomorrow week. There was also support for Paris House who was the subject of a bet of £11,000-£2,000 and cut to 5-1. William Hill now bet: 2-1 Lyric Fantasy, 3-1 Wolfhound, 5-1 Paris House, 11-2 Zeiten, 10-1 Garah, 14-1 Surprise Offer, 16-1 bar.

Blinkered first time

CHEPSTOW: 7.30 Time For A Flutter. 8.30 Whatone Bell
SOUTHWELL: 7.15 Our Shadee, A Badge Too Far.

Double upholds Wragg's Yarmouth record

GEOFF Wragg often introduces his most promising horses at Yarmouth, and yesterday proved no exception as he landed a double at the Norfolk track with Blue Lion and Etosha. Both were three-year-olds making their debuts.

Blue Lion, 13-8 favourite for the Blackfriars Maiden Stakes, overcame a slow start to beat Mitraas a neck. "He's been working nicely and will get a bit further," Wragg said.

Etosha, who started at 10-1, has long been well-regarded by her trainer, and her belated debut in the John Holdrish Maiden Fillies Stakes was explained by a long-held aversion to starting stalls. The problem was so serious her juvenile season had to be shelved.

There were no signs of that yesterday, and the half-sister to Sally Rous and Little Bean won with ease.

"We couldn't get her in the stalls for a long time," said Wragg. "Its just a shame I've had to wait so long to be able to run her. Now I hope she will be able to go on to better things."

Few handicappers have a finer overall record than Causley, who returned to the scene of his first victory in 1987 to gain his third Beverley success in the Eltherington Stakes.

It was the eleventh win altogether for Bryan McMahon's eight-year-old, who has won at least once each year since he started racing and has been placed 31 times in an 83-race career.

The Tamworth trainer was not present to witness Causley's defeat of favourite Bernstein Bette, but Edward, his son, said: "The old horse is as sound as a pound, and has been a grand servant to his owners, Henry Pearce and Michael Mumford.

"He's come down a couple of pounds from his previous handicap mark. It's the first ride Bruce Raymond has had for our stable this season, but the third time he has won on Causley."

Bristol-born apprentice Darren Thomas recorded his first success when making all the running on board Lynda Ramsden's Self Expression to beat Touch Above, ridden by Kevin Darley, in the University of Humberside Stakes.

Thomas, 21, showed a fair degree of enterprise, dictating the pace throughout the mile and a quarter handicap. He had the prize in safe keeping a long way from home, eventually winning by two lengths from David Barron's fast-finishing course specialist.

"The plan was to be up there but not necessarily to make the running. It was just the way things worked out," said the delighted jockey, who is in his second season with Self Expression's handler Lynda Ramsden after being attached to Paul Cole's yard for three and a half years.

HAMILTON

THUNDERER
2.15 Canopus. 2.45 CORNFLAKE (nap). 3.15 Dayjuz. 3.45 Royal Insignia. 4.15 Second Colours. 4.45 Velasco.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 Royal Insignia. 4.45 Velasco.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F 4YD-6F 5YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 HIGH PARK MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,769: 1m 3f 16yd) (5 runners)

1 55-5 CANOPUS 35 W Jarvis 9-0 ... M Tebbutt 5
2 4-00 CHIPPENDALE LADD 42 P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 ... Stephen Davies (5) 1
3 QUARRELLING F Lee 9-0 ... S Perks 2
4 334 RUNAWAY PETE 12 (BF) P Cole 9-0 ... K Darley 3
5 000- DUSKY DUCHESS 217 Miss L Perratt 8-9 ... G Duffield 4

11-8 Canopus, 5-2 Runaway Pete, 3-1 Chippendale Ladd, 14-1 Quarrelling, 16-1 Dusky Duchess.

2.45 HOWLET ROW HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,080: 1m 3f 16yd) (9)

1 4616 ARGYLE CAVALIER 13 (D,S) F Lee 9-7 ... J Carroll 9
2 -304 SUNRISE MORNING 17 P Chapple-Hyam 9-1 ... Stephen Davies (5) 3
3 0512 HAZARD A GUESS 5 (BF,F) Mrs J Ramsden 8-10 ... K Fallon 4
4 4423 CONTRACT ELITE 5 (S) C Thornton 8-9 ... A Mackay 1
5 162 VELVET HEART 19 (G) P Haslam 8-8 ... E Johnson 7
6 00-2 CORNFLAKE 20 Denys Smith 8-2 ... J Lowe 6
7 456 SEVERE STORM 24 P Monteith 8-1 ... K Darley 2
8 -532 CHALLENGER ROW 35 C Thornton 8-0 ... G Duffield 8
9 0103 MILNGAVIE 24 (C,F,S) M Johnston 7-13 ... J Fanning 5

5-2 Hazard A Guess, 4-1 Cornflake, 6-1 Argyle Cavalier, 8-1 Challenger Row, Milngavie, 10-1 Sunrise Morning, 12-1 Velvet Heart, 14-1 others.

3.15 STONEFIELD SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,322: 5f 4yd) (8)

1 0600 ROSE GEM 10 (F,G) R O'Leary 4-10-0 ... K Fallon 8
2 4403 LANGTONIAN 19 (B,C,G) J Berry 4-9-11 Emma O'Gorman (3) 3
3 -306 DAYJUZ 12 F Lee 3-9-4 ... S Perks 7
4 0000 CREAGMHOR 14 M Bolton 3-9-2 ... J Lowe 2
5 4045 JOTRA 19 R Whitaker 3-8-10 ... A Culhane 6
6 00-0 MISS SHAM 10 (D,F) J Balding 4-8-9 ... G Hind 1
7 0040 CHOICE LOT 6 (B,D,F) A Jones 6-8-8 ... S Webster 4
8 0300 CRAIL HARBOUR 3 (B,CD,G) P Haslam 7-8-5 ... Dale Gibson 5

7-2 Langtonian, 4-1 Miss Sham, 9-2 Choice Lot, 11-2 Crail Harbour, 8-1 Dayjuz, Rose Gem, 10-1 others.

3.45 EBF ALMADA MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,289: 5f 4yd) (7)

1 0 MISTER PISTE 17 Miss L Perratt 9-0 ... J Fanning 5
2 3 NO MEAN CITY 5 A Bailey 9-0 ... A Mackay 4
3 3 ROYAL INSIGNIA 44 M Bell 9-0 ... G Duffield 7
4 6 TEETOTALLER 71 J Berry 9-0 ... J Carroll 6
5 0 GREY TOPPA 26 Denys Smith 8-9 ... K Fallon 3
6 SATLEY LASS P Haslam 8-9 ... Dale Gibson 1
7 0 SHALBOURNE 10 P Chapple-Hyam 8-9 ... Stephen Davies (5) 2

7-4 Shalbourne, 3-1 Royal Insignia, 9-2 No Mean City, 8-1 Teetotaller, 10-1 Mister Piste, 14-1 Satley Lass, 20-1 Grey Toppa.

4.15 P & O CONTAINERS SCOTLAND HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,752: 6f 5yd) (10)

1 -133 TWO MOVES IN FRONT 12 (C,BF,F,G,S) J Berry 9-7 J Carroll 2
2 43-3 ALASIB 12 (F) W Jarvis 9-4 ... M Tebbutt 1
3 6601 BIRCHWOOD SUN 10 (B,D,F,G,S) M Dods 9-3 (4ex) J Lowe 6
4 0004 RAIN SPLASH 12 (G) J Balding 8-11 ... Claire Balding (7) 5
5 -541 CHERHILL 19 (D,S) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9 Stephen Davies (5) 10
6 5-10 CHILLY BREEZE 17 (D,G) M Prescott 8-8 ... G Duffield 8
7 0303 STARDUST EXPRESS 6 (D,G) M Johnston 8-6 Dean McKeown 3
8 0-00 SECOND COLOURS 14 (CD,F) Mrs M Reveley 8-1 ... K Darley 9
9 0003 FLASHMAN 13 (B) F Lee 8-1 ... K Fallon 4
10 3324 VILAMAR 6 E Alston 7-9 ... S Wood 7

7-2 Second Colours, 9-2 Cherhill, 5-1 Alasib, 6-1 Two Moves In Front, 8-1 Birchwood Sun, 9-1 Flashman, Rain Splash, 10-1 Chilly Breeze, 14-1 others.

4.45 CLYDE HANDICAP (£3,261: 1m 65yd) (11)

1 10-0 SUNTAN 7 (D,F,S) R O'Leary 4-10-0 ... A Culhane 1
2 6-00 IMPERIAL BID 85 (F,G) Denys Smith 5-9-13 ... K Fallon 4
3 4221 AEGAEN LADY 15 (C,S) J Etherington 4-9-3 ... J Carroll 3
4 20-6 I REMEMBER YOU 18 F Lee 3-8-13 ... S Perks 10
5 1-00 HAND ON HEART 14 (D,F,G) P Monteith 4-8-12 ... S D Williams (3) 8
6 5360 THE PREMIER EXPRES 9 (CD,S) W Bentley 3-8-10 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 2
7 4104 GOLD SURPRISE 6 (C,S) S Kettlewell 4-8-10 ... J Fortune 11
8 00-1 VELASCO 6 (D,S) M Prescott 3-8-10 (5ex) ... G Duffield 6
9 04-0 BOLD MELODY 35 (CD,F,G) P Haslam 4-8-9 Dean McKeown 5
10 0-32 MASTER OFTHE HOUSE 9 M Hammond 7-8-1 ... K Darley 9
11 -500 VENTURE FOURTH 18 E Alston 4-7-10 ... S Wood 7

9-4 Velasco, 6-1 Master Ofthe House, 8-1 I Remember You, 10-1 Aegean Lady, Bold Melody, 12-1 Venture Fourth, Suntan, Imperial Bid, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Bell, 9 winners from 28 runners, 32.1%; S Kettlewell, 3 from 12, 25%; M Bolton, 4 from 17, 23.5%; Mrs M Reveley, 18 from 79, 22.8%; J Etherington, 5 from 23, 21.7%; Mrs J Ramsden, 12 from 56, 21.4%; J Berry, 50 from 249, 20.1%; M Prescott, 8 from 47, 17%; M Johnston, 19 from 121, 15.7%.

JOCKEYS: M Tebbutt, 5 winners from 14 rides, 35.7%; J Carroll, 43 from 210, 20.5%; Dean McKeown, 35 from 204, 17.2%; K Darley, 38 from 234, 16.2%; Darren Moffatt, 5 from 33, 15.2%; J Fanning, 16 from 117, 13.7%.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER
6.45 Pretty Baby. 7.15 Patong Beach. 7.45 Fighter Squadron. 8.15 Orange Place. 8.45 Lots Of Luck. 9.15 Riviere Actor.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.45 HIMLEY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,243: 1m 2f) (8 runners)

1 0 DIAMONDS 'N PEARLS 44 K Ivory 9-0 ... G Bardwell 4
2 -226 HE'S A KING 33 (BF) J Dunlop 9-0 ... W Ryan 1
3 -000 HILLSDOWN BOY 18 S Dow 9-0 ... Dean McKeown 6
4 6 PREMIER STAR 10 M Bell 9-0 ... M Fenton (5) 3
5 MADAM GYMCRAK M H Easterby 8-9 ... Julie Bowker 7
6 4-05 MISS RIBBONS 8 Pat Mitchell 8-9 ... Kim McDonnell (7) 8
7 MISTROY A Stewart 8-9 ... A McGlone 5
8 2 PRETTY BABY 10 R Williams 8-9 ... R Cochrane 2

11-8 He's A King, 9-4 Pretty Baby, 9-2 Mistroy, 8-1 Hillsdown Boy, 10-1 Premier Star, 16-1 Madam Gymcrak, 25-1 others.

7.15 BROSELEY RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (£2,243: 7f) (10)

1 0-06 NIGHT EDITION 28 S Dow 3-8-11 ... Dean McKeown 1
2 6003 NOBLE MEASURE 35 (B) S Bowring 3-8-11 ... G Strange (7) 3
3 0-06 OUR SHADEE 9 (B) K Ivory 3-8-11 ... R Cochrane 2
4 5-04 PERSIANSKY 19 B Hanbury 3-8-11 ... M Birch 8
5 -433 SUDDEN SPIN 19 (V) J Berry 3-8-11 ... J Carroll 6
6 3036 A BADGE TOO FAR 10 (V) Dr J Scargill 3-8-6 ... G Hind 7
7 00-0 CONTRAC COUNTESS 54 (V) B Rothwell 3-8-6 D Harrison (3) 9
8 0-00 DUSTY'S DARLING 14 M Jarvis 3-8-6 ... NON-RUNNER 4
9 0-00 KATIE EILEEN 44 R Williams 3-8-6 ... A Clark 5
10 0-20 PATONG BEACH 21 (BF) J Hills 3-8-6 ... W Ryan 10

4-1 Patong Beach, 9-2 Sudden Spin, 5-1 A Badge Too Far, 6-1 Contrac Countess, 7-1 Our Shadee, 8-1 Katie Eileen, 12-1 Night Edition, 16-1 others.

7.45 THREE SISTERS HANDICAP
(£3,172: 7f) (8)

1 -000 CONFRONTER 26 (D,G,S) S Dow 4-10-0 ... D Harrison (3) 3
2 3600 DUNE RIVER 1 (CD,G) D Loder 4-9-6 ... M Tebbutt 7
3 0-04 THORNTON GATE 8 (D,F,G,S) M H Easterby 4-9-6 ... S Maloney (3) 1
4 5-00 SADDLEHOME 19 (F) J Scargill 4-8-4 ... G Hind 2
5 5051 FIGHTER SQUADRON 10 (B,C,D,F,G) J Glover 4-9-3 (5ex) ... S D Williams (3) 8
6 3505 PRETONIC 3 (C,F,G) M Johnston 5-9-1 ... Dean McKeown 5
7 2012 SANDMOOR DENIM 6 (CD,F,G) S Bowring 6-8-8 G Strange (7) 6
8 0-04 GLENFIELD GRETA 19 (F) P Felgate 5-8-7 ... F Norton 4

3-1 Fighter Squadron, 7-2 Sandmoor Denim, 4-1 Thornton Gate, 9-2 Grenfield Greta, 7-1 Confronter, 9-1 Dune River, 10-1 Pretonic, 20-1 Saddlehome.

8.15 MADELEY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,243: 6f) (7)

1 3 LUCIUS LOCKET 26 J Berry 9-0 ... J Carroll 7
2 6 ORANGE PLACE 16 M Bell 9-0 ... M Fenton (5) 6
3 003 CAPITAL LADY 38 B Rothwell 8-9 ... D Harrison (3) 5
4 52 CARAPELLE 26 M H Easterby 8-9 ... M Birch 1
5 00 CHARISMA GIRL 16 S Dow 8-9 ... Dean McKeown 2
6 3542 PARADISE NEWS 13 G Bravery 8-9 ... W Ryan 4
7 082 RITA'S JOY 15 W G M Turner 8-9 ... P McCabe (7) 3

11-4 Paradise News, 9-2 Rita's Joy, Carapelle, 5-1 Orange Place, 11-2 Lucius Locket, 6-1 Capital Lady, 12-1 Charisma Girl.

8.45 AMATEUR RIDERS ASSOCIATION AND LADY JOCKEYS ASSOCIATION LIMITED STAKES
(Amateurs: £1,380: 1m 2f) (8)

1 1053 DIGGER DOYLE 83J (C,G) P McBride 4-10-12 V Lukaniuk (4) 8
2 0045 NATIVE CHIEFTAN 22 (V,D,G) S Dow 4-10-12 ... T Cuff (4) 5
3 26-0 RESTLESS MINSTREL 19J J Banks 4-10-12 ... W Dixon (4) 6
4 -342 THUNDERING 6 (S) A Jones 8-10-12 ... Miss Diana W Jones 1
5 14-0 WESTHOLME 13 (D,F,S) M H Easterby 5-10-12 ... Mrs S Easterby (4) 4
6 0500 EMERALD EARS 17 (G) P McEntee 4-10-7 ... Miss Elaine Mills 7
7 02-0 LOTS OF LUCK 77 (C,D,F,G,S) J Pearce 10-10-7 Mrs L Pearce 2
8 100- ROMOOSH 129J (D,G) Pat Mitchell 4-10-7 ... Miss F Burke (4) 3

5-2 Lots Of Luck, 11-4 Westholme, 3-1 Romoosh, 4-1 Native Chieftain, 7-1 Digger Doyle, 12-1 Thundering, 33-1 others.

9.15 IRONBRIDGE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,821: 1m 4f) (5)

1 6121 PRIME PAINTER 15 (D,G,S) R Fisher 9-7 ... D Nicholls 5
2 8-00 RIVIERE ACTOR 9 J Dunlop 9-4 ... W Ryan 4
3 4006 MAJOR TRIUMPH 13 G Bravery 8-12 ... D Harrison (3) 2
4 1582 PRESTON GUILD 13 (BF,D,G) R Williams 8-6 ... R Cochrane 3
5 0003 THREEOFUS 26 (B) K Ivory 7-7 ... G Bardwell 1

5-2 Threeofus, 11-4 Prime Painter, 3-1 Preston Guild, 9-2 Riviere Actor, 5-1 Major Triumph.

Boutin's classic bid

FRANCOIS Boutin's bid to pull off a clean sweep of the French classics rests with Accommodating in the Prix de Diane Hermes (French Oaks) at Chantilly on Sunday. The filly aims to emulate Kingmambo, Madeleine's Dream and Hernando, who won both Guineas' and Derby for Boutin.

The remaining entries are: Shemaka, Royale Chantou, Baya, Dayflower, Gairsic, Rouquette, Such Is Life, Accommodating, Fresher, Aube Indienne, Alice Springs, Corrazona, Bright Moon, Broken Peace and Dancienne.

Yarmouth

Going: firm

2.15 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, SOVEREIGN PAGE (W Ryan, 5-1: Thunderer's nap); 2, Short Encounter (L Piggott, 10-1); 3, Talented Ting (N Carlisle, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Lexus, 7 Lowawatha (5th), 12 Cal Norma's Lady (4th), Amlak (6th), 14 Bellatrix, 16 Barbary Reef, 20 Misty Goddess. 10 ran. 6l, 1½l, nk, hd, nk. B Hanbury at Newmarket. Tote: £7.50; £2.40, £2.50, £2.70. DF: £42.20. CSF: £45.59. Tricast: £385.31.

2.45 (1m 6f 17yd) 1, ARCTIC GUEST (T Williams, 11-4 jt-fav); 2, Moidart (G Duffield, 11-4 jt-fav); 3, Qattal (R Hills, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Puget Dancer (5th), 6 Moujeeb, 11 Ume River (6th), 16 Rusty Reel (4th). 7 ran. 2l, hd, 2½l, 2l, nk. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £2.40; £1.70, £2.00. DF: £3.90. CSF: £9.58.

3.15 (5f 43yd) 1, LUCKY PARKES (J Carroll, 8-11 fav); 2, Midhish (W R Swinburn, 11-4); 3, Stepanov (M Roberts, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 20 Sharp Prospect (4th). 4 ran. 1l, 1½l, 7l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £1.50. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.08.

3.45 (6f 3yd) 1, SAWTID (M Tebbutt, Evens fav); 2, Badger's Bend (P Robinson, 9-2); 3, Classical Don (N Day, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Red-Queen (4th), 9-2 Rockabye Baileys (5th). 5 ran. 5l, 2l, 1½l, 1l. D Morris at Newmarket. Tote: £2.50; £1.20, £2.20. DF: £5.60 CSF: £6.02.

4.15 (7f 3yd) 1, ETOSHA (M Hills, 10-1); 2, Desert Venus (W R Swinburn, 9-1); 3, Trapezium (M Roberts, 4-5 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Chapka (4th), 10 Princess Hayley, 16 Simaat (5th), Shargress, 33 Fuchu (6th), 40 Warncha, Smocking. 10 ran. 2½l, nk, ¾l, 2l, 1½l. G Wragg. Tote: £13.60; £2.60, £2.50, £1.20. DF: £80.00. CSF: £89.98.

4.45 (1m 3yd) 1, BLUE LION (M Hills, 13-8 fav); 2, Mitraas (R Hills, 16-1); 3, El Gahar (W Ryan, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 4 Amaam Amaam (6th), 7 Map Of Stars (4th), 16 Cut Fine, 20 Mustakim, 25 Biran, Mohaya, 33 Chevalier Vert, Divine Boy, Hatta Sunshine, Yoohoank, Bell Hero (5th), 50 Rupert's Revenge. 15 ran. Nk, 2½l, 3½l, 2½l, hd. G Wragg at Newmarket. Tote: £2.50; £1.30, £4.30, £2.00. DF: £69.90. CSF: £26.78.

5.15 (6f 3yd) 1, YES (S Eiffert, 3-1); 2, Walk That Walk (K Pattinson, 11-1); 3, Spring High (C Scally, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Breakfast Boogie (4th), 5 Mu-Arrik (6th), 11 General John, 33 Family Rose (5th). 7 ran. ¾l, 2l, 1l, 6l, ½l. D Thom at Newmarket. Tote: £3.70; £1.90, £4.50. DF: £36.30. CSF: £30.05.

Placepot: £133.80.

Beverley

Going: good to firm

2.00 (5f) 1, LIDA'S DELIGHT (T Lucas, 12-1); 2, Nordoora (Darren Moffatt, 10-1); 3, Miss Aragon (S Maloney, 12-1); 4, The Right Time (D Harrison, 9-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Prince Belfort, 8 Kalar, Miss Brightside, 10 Precentor, 14 Here Comes A Star (6th), Strip Cartoon, 16 My Godson (5th), Ballad Dancer, 20 Absolution, Rock Opera, 25 Bisras, Supreme Desire. 16 ran. Sh hd, 1½l, ½l, 2½l, hd. M W Easterby at Sheriff Hutton. Tote: £18.50; £3.40, £2.10, £4.30, £1.30. DF: £57.50. CSF: £120.27. Tricast: £1,349.94.

2.30 (5f) 1, RANDONNEUR (G Carter, 9-4 fav); 2, Brookhead Lady (D Holland, 4-1); 3, Imperial Bailiwick (N Adams, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Passion Sunday (4th), Grecian Garden, 14 General Gubbins (5th), 20 Time To Dance, 25 Bramcote Century (6th), Jacqui's Star, 33 Spring Star. 10 ran. 1l, hd, 6l, 2l, 1l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £3.40; £1.60, £1.20, £1.90. DF: £6.10. CSF: £11.54.

3.00 (7f 100yd) 1, CAUSLEY (B Raymond, 5-1); 2, Bernstein Bette (J Fanning, 7-2 fav); 3, Lombard Ships (A Mackay, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Spanish Verdict (4th), 10 Supreme Boy (6th), 11 Dune River, 12 Kummel King, 14 Khisal (5th), Claudia Miss, Guesstimation, 16 Herbrand, 20 Pimsboy, 25 Andrula Mou. 13 ran. ¾l, nk, 3l, hd, nk. B McMahon at Tamworth. Tote: £4.80; £2.20, £1.90, £5.00. DF: £5.10. CSF: £20.95. Tricast: £209.29.

3.30 (1m 1f 207yd) 1, SELF EXPRESSION (D Thomas, 8-1); 2, Touch Above (K Darley, 11-4 fav); 3, Westholme (M Birch, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Surrey Dancer (6th), 6 No Comebacks (5th), 7 Azureus (4th), 10 Barley Cake, 12 King's Guest, 16 Majal, 20 Leap In The Dark. 10 ran. 2l, 1l, nk, ½l, 2½l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £14.70; £3.20, £1.60, £2.60. DF: £30.10. CSF: £29.25. Tricast: £150.91.

4.00 (1m 3f 216yd) 1, CALL THE GUV'NOR (A McGlone, 7-2 fav); 2, Fair Flyer (R P Elliott, 8-1); 3, Truben (L Dettori, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Killick (5th), 6 Eire Leath-Sceal (6th), 7 Denza Heights (4th), Connulty. 7 ran. 1l, nk, 1½l, 1½l, ¾l. H Cecil. Tote: £3.30; £1.60, £2.60. DF: £13.30. CSF: £21.30.

4.30 (1m 3f 216yd) 1, TASSET (T Quinn, 3-1); 2, Moscow Sea (A McGlone, 6-4 fav); 3, Rasayel (D Holland, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 20 Waltz (6th), 25 Miss Rita (4th), 33 Quartz Hill (5th), World Without End. 7 ran. 1l, 1½l, 3½l, 2l, 3½l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £4.40, £1.60, £1.40. DF: £2.60. CSF: £7.35.

5.00 (7f 100yd) 1, NAFUTH (D Holland, 7-2); 2, Queens Consul (Dean McKeown, 4-1); 3, Al Shaati (K Darley, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 3 Azola (4th), 33 Keep Batting (5th). 5 ran. Nk, 5l, 1½l, 3l. P Walwyn at Lambourn. Tote: £3.50; £1.90, £1.90. DF: £7.40. CSF: £15.00.

Placepot: £10.20.

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Becker scans horizon for life beyond tennis



Looking ahead: Boris Becker, the three times Wimbledon champion who plays at Queen's Club today, believes he can win two more grand slam titles. Gary M. Prior/Allsport



Boris Becker talks to **Andrew Longmore** about retirement and his dismay at the reaction to the attack on Monica Seles

The vultures are beginning to gather over the carcass. Boris Becker has not won a grand slam tennis tournament for over two years, has won just one round in two grand slam events this year, has only won five matches in the last two months. Boris Becker is fed up, finished, one defeat away from retirement and peace.

Unfortunately for the man himself, it is not quite that easy. At the age of 25, Becker has unfinished business to attend to, two more grand slam titles left in him, at his own conservative estimate, and a passion for winning which will be felt as keenly by the Frenchman, Guillaume Raoux, in the third round of the Stella Artois championships at Queen's Club today as it was by Hank Pfister, the 17-year-old Becker's first victim on the way to the first of his three Wimbledon titles in 1985.

Though he admits that life might have a different hue tomorrow, at the moment he is contemplating neither retirement nor the sort of six-month sabbatical which effectively ended McEnroe's career at the very top.

"Actually, giving up the game has not been in my mind for a couple of years now. At 25, I am not yet in my physical prime. But how much longer is there to go? Who knows? I am at least halfway through my career, if not three-quarters but I still believe I have a couple of good moments left.

"If, say, I am No 15 or 20 in the world, winning just one tournament a year and not beating the best, then I would consider going away. I just couldn't cope with losing all the time. I enjoy winning too much."

Becker has never competed with the consistent intensity of McEnroe, which means he has been subjected to prolonged speculation about his mental commitment and his future. To the American, winning or losing seemed like a matter of life and death. There was no room for error or relaxation.

Becker has always competed on his own terms and at his own time, savouring each victory to the full, punctuating his years with mini-breaks to rest body and mind. Becker's ability to produce his best when he needs to has long been an essential part of the legend, but when that knack has been mislaid, only indolence or torment remains.

"I'm not like Stefan Edberg, who goes out and does his job. I'm not that sort of player. Tennis is a passion. I have periods when I know what I have to do, but I always need some special inspiration to do my best. I have to play that one extra shot or that one more point, and I like to celebrate my victories, to go out and have a party. I enjoy the moment of triumph. But that's hard now because you win on Sunday, then you have to play again on Wednesday. I tend to get lazy if I win."

Becker has been No 1 in the world, but, like a mountaineer, found that getting to the top was more satisfying than staying there. His mind is restless, forever searching the next horizon for a sense of purpose and perspective, neither of which he has found amid the pressures and preciousness of the tennis world.

Far more than mere victory or defeat, the fact that he cannot walk off a court without having a microphone stuck into his face, cannot hope to live happily ever after in his native country, cannot pull out of a tournament without prompting rumours that he has Aids or lose a match without suggestions that he is also losing his mind will influence his future in tennis. He was appalled by the callousness of the show-must-go-on reaction to Monica Seles's injury in Hamburg at the end of April.

"The next day, all the four players went out onto the court as if nothing had happened. Yes, everyone said how sorry they were, but I expected them to cancel the tournament or do something. That shocked me and, to be honest, it made me think that if tennis continues like that, purely as a business, then that might not be the place for me."

He added: "If, God forbid, something like that ever happened at Queen's or anywhere, I promise you I would not play, not the next day, not the day after that and, possibly, never. I expected the women to react the same way. That sort of thing gives me more problems than just winning or losing. No one puts it into perspective." And, of course, there is the thought it could be him. "Absolutely, it's pretty terrifying."

His recent engagement to a black woman, Barbara Feltus, has increased the pressure on Becker within Germany and prompted him to look elsewhere for a retirement home. "I will not be able to live in Germany, at least until I'm 60, which is very sad," he said. London is one alternative.

"I've been travelling for 11 months of the year for nearly ten years and it gets tiring. One day, it would be nice to spend June in my home, to see spring in my garden, not from a tennis court. I love it here. This evening when I came past Hyde Park, it was like the Sixties, the sunshine, people playing soccer, walking. I would have enjoyed living in the Sixties, I think."

There has always been an element of the hippy in Becker, from supporting squatters in Hamburg to wearing the Greenpeace symbol on his clothing. Nowadays, the idealism is tinged with a worldly and wealthy cynicism. Off court, he has signed multi-million pound deals with Lotto and Faber, a company that promotes a lottery system. On it, he has sacrificed quality for the quantity demanded by the ranking system. From solely concentrating on grand slams, Becker is happy to play by tour rules, protecting his ranking and risking injury by playing 22 events over the past 12 months, more than at any time since his early days. Last year, he won five titles, all indoors, but did not reach the last four of a grand slam tournament for the first time since 1984.

"I used to fight against the system, but now I am trying not to fight against so many people all the time. I am only 25, but one of the oldest on the tour. I am trying to get smarter, though, sometimes. I just seem to make new mistakes."

Wimbledon has provided one safe haven in a tempestuous career. Since 1987, he has either won the title or been beaten by the champion. His quarter-final defeat by Andre Agassi still hurts nearly a year later. "I have watched the tape again and again and I still believe I'm going to win. I was playing not great, but pretty decent and he was hitting my service all over the place. No one has treated my service like that. I would bet my house that Agassi is not the Wimbledon champion. But who knows with him, he could do it again."

Becker, though, cannot wait to return to his roots. "Until I am 80 years old, I will have the same feeling at Wimbledon. I feel comfortable, I know every corner of the place. I am at home."

Lillywhite clings to yellow jersey

BY PETER BRYAN

CHRIS Lillywhite salvaged his leader's yellow jersey in the closing miles of yesterday's 120-mile ninth stage of the Milk Race on a day when his below-strength Banana team slipped up.

For the second day in succession it was a climber's paradise: five ascents, including the wilderness Pennines climb of Holme Moss of almost three miles.

Again the 91 starters made no concessions to the trials ahead in the Peak District and the Pennines on their route from Wrexham to Rotherham. There were fireworks from the start, with a continuing display to the finish, where an exhausted Lillywhite learnt that he had held on. The margin was 25 seconds from Daniel Kovar, of the Czech Republic, who got with the important break.

Mark Walsham, of Banana, and Steve Farrell, the British amateur, lit the touch paper for an attack at seven miles that developed into a group of 16 for most of the day. Walsham, still with the leaders after an escape that lasted 113 miles, was the stage winner.

Lillywhite and his colleague, Brian Smith, had been wallowing in the wake of the leaders, sometimes as much as five minutes down. Keith Lambert, the Banana manager, took drastic action to remedy the situation with 20 miles to go. He ordered Ben Luckwell out of the front group of seven to wait for Lillywhite and Smith and "bury himself" to pace them home.

The riders had to cover 3.5 miles in the city centre of Rotherham. Lillywhite and Co arrived 4min 11sec after the leaders but reduced the gap at the finish to 2min 43sec.

"It was an opportunist move that put six riders in front," Lillywhite said. "As yellow jersey, I couldn't chase, nor could Brian Smith. We had two men in front, leaving only an injured Shane Sutton to do the donkey work on our behalf. It was touch and go."

Mark McKay, the British amateur who finished second, would have taken the lead in the mountains but for a broken gear mechanism on the climb of Holme Moss. On the run-in, he appeared boxed in by Walsham.

RESULT: Ninth stage (Wrexham to Rotherham, 120 miles): 1, M Walsham (GB, Banana), 3hr 4min 52sec; 2, M McKay (GB, amateur); 3, J Pedersen (Nor); 4, A Kvilev (Kaz); 5, D Kovar (Cz); 6, S Farrell (GB, am), all same time; 14, M McKay, at 2:27; 20, S Bray (Britannia), at 3:35; 21, R Holden (Nelson-Twoll), at 3:49; 26, S Hampsell (GB, am), at 6:59; 32, I Wright (Britannia), at 7:48; 35, S Farrell (GB, am), at 9:13. Team: 1, GB, 15:17:08, 2, Banana at 2:35, eq 3, Kazakhstan, Norway at 2:45.

Overall: 1, C Lillywhite (GB, Banana), 33:59:10; 2, Kovar, at 25sec; 3, Kvilev, at 30sec; 4, B Smith (GB, Banana), at 35sec; 5, C Henry (Ire), at 41sec; 6, N Mattan (Bel), at 45sec. Team: 1, Norway, 101:44:07, 2, Denmark, at 2:00; 3, GB, at 3:17.

Sprints: 1, J Mickiewicz (Pol), 19pts; eq 2, A Nadobenko (Kaz), Lillywhite, Smith, 10. King of the Mountains: 1, A Mizourov (Kaz), 60pts; 2, McKay, 58.

TODAY: Tenth stage (Sheffield to Liverpool, 116 miles): start 9.45am, Huddersfield 11.11, Sowerbridge 11.37, Todmorden 12.13pm, Chorley 1.38, Windle 2.19, finish 3.20.

Wimbledon tightens security plans

SECURITY at Wimbledon will be the tightest in the 107-year history of the tennis championships when they open on June 21 (John Goodbody writes).

Two days of police briefing at the All England Club ended yesterday amid increased concern over the safety of players after the stabbing of Monica Seles and the continuing threat from the IRA.

Video cameras will sweep the stands and concourses, search teams will continually inspect the premises, and special new security measures will be put into action in ten days. A club official said: "We are not saying what they are. However, regular visitors will soon notice a difference."

The media have been asked not to disclose which houses the leading players are renting in the vicinity.

Inspector Des Wyke, who heads the police security operation, described the fortnight as "the whole of the football season in two weeks".

"Although the spectating public is much better behaved than at football, there is still a constant attendance of 40,000 people either spectating or in the surrounding areas," Wyke said. Having to evacuate everyone from the ground "would be a total nightmare".

A briefing was also held yesterday with the squad who will tackle ticket touts. "Some time ago we had hundreds of touts," Wyke said. "But last year we were down to only scores."

Sampras takes a tumble

BY STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

THE world's No 1 player was introduced to the Stella Artois tennis championship at Queen's Club yesterday and promptly ushered out of it. Pete Sampras, the joint Wimbledon favourite, was beaten 5-7, 7-5, 6-4, by Grant Stafford, a South African, and admitted that he played "like an idiot".

The humbling experience is not new. Sampras also lost his first game of the season on grass here two years ago when he was eliminated by an unknown fellow American, Mark Keil. Then, though, he was ranked only sixth and was not carrying great expectations.

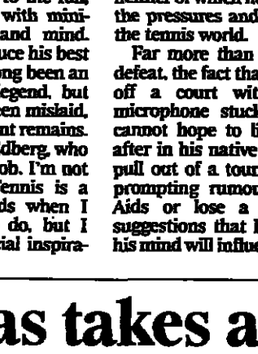
"It is not a good start," he admitted, "but I never do well here. I felt tired, weak and lethargic. This is my fifth week in Europe and sometimes you miss home. This is one of those occasions but that is a bad excuse. It was a bad performance and I played like an idiot."

Rather than curing his apparent homesickness by returning to the United States, Sampras intends to continue practising in England. Wimbledon, he insists, will be "a whole new ball game". If he is beaten there by the 110th player in the world, as was the case yesterday, it will amount to a deeper humiliation.

Stafford, a 22-year-old from Johannesburg, had never before beaten anyone in the top ten. It took him 2½ hours to complete his victory during a rain-interrupted afternoon, which featured a couple of more predictable defeats for British representatives, Jeremy Bates and Ross Matheson.

David Witt, the American responsible for knocking out Matheson, could also be responsible for extinguishing Britain's last hope. Today he takes on Chris Wilkinson, the nation's No 2 and sole survivor, for a place in the quarter-final and Matheson could not be excessively optimistic about his colleague's prospects.

"I just hope that he doesn't serve like he did against me," he said. "That was the best two sets of serving I've ever come up against." Matheson's experience may be limited but he did play against John McEnroe in the Scottish Open four years ago.



Sampras: humbled

"I tried everything except tying my shoelaces in between the points," Matheson added. Nothing worked. Throughout the hour and a half he failed to break an opponent who relies on power rather than subtlety. Once he himself had been broken, early in both sets, the consequences were ominous.

Witt, who was 20 last week, is of sound pedigree. In 1989 he was the American under-16 champion on clay and hard courts. Two years ago he reached the semi-final of the United States Open junior tournament and, as a qualifier here, he had already knocked out Christo van Rensburg, a South African ranked 87 places higher.

"He's a big lad and he hit me off the court," the British No 9 admitted. Wilkinson, who prepared for the tournament by going on holiday to Greece, went last night to see *Indecent Proposal*. If he had taken the advice of Steffi Graf, who saw the film in Paris a week ago, he would not have bothered.

Michael Stich, the Wimbledon champion two years ago, returned to the tournament after an absence of four years and looked as though he had never been away from grass against Bates. He reckoned that his victim could reach the last 16 at Wimbledon with a favourable draw. "If he comes up against me," he added, "his chances are not good."

Apart from the obvious candidates (which exclude Sergi Bruguera, the French Open champion who is not attending), he considers Richard Krajicek, the giant Dutchman, to be a dangerous outsider. There was no mention of Andre Agassi, which is probably just as well, considering the latest bulletin on the holder of the title. A decision on his fitness is expected to be made this weekend.

Dr Richard Westbrook, Agassi's doctor, revealed yesterday that his patient, who has tendinitis in the right wrist, has not hit a ball for two months. "I've not let him on court," he said.

Battling Wood keeps her nerve

CLARE Wood forced her way into the third round of the DFS tennis classic at Edgbastonyesterday with a determined if less-than-simple 6-4, 6-4 victory over Ruxandra Dragomir, of Romania (Alix Ramsay writes).

Wood was facing a tough opponent. Last week Dragomir reached the fourth round of the French Open and is ranked 60 places above the British No 2. A clay-court specialist, she is not at home on grass but gave Wood a battle from the baseline, leathering every forehand to keep Wood pinned back.

The second set saw seven breaks of serve before Wood edged ahead. Even then she could not close it out, dropping a match point before biding her time to steal Dragomir's service yet again with a winning lob.

On a damp and depressing day with play held up for rain, the diminutive South African and second seed, Amanda Coetzer, had plenty to smile about. She beat the qualifier, Shannan McCarthy, 6-2, 6-2, to send her confidently on her way towards Wimbledon.

Already the world No 13, she is making a welcome return to grass after two years and has decided the way forward is to enjoy herself. "I've got to be positive, go for my shots and just have fun," she said.

Boxing bonanza on cards

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT, IN LAS VEGAS

THREE of Britain's leading heavyweights could feature in the biggest boxing event put on in Britain if Lennox Lewis and Tommy Morrison, the World Boxing Organisation champion, cannot agree terms over their bout this year.

Lewis's manager, Frank Maloney, and two American promoters, Dan Duva and Bob Arum, are considering the possibility of putting on Lewis, Frank Bruno and Herbie Hide, the Norwich heavyweight, in a "double header" at Cardiff Arms Park in September. Lewis would box Bruno and Hide would face Morrison. Lewis and Morrison could meet at the MGM Grand here in February when the 5,000-room hotel has its grand opening.

Lewis wants to meet Morrison this year because he believes he would establish himself in the United States with a victory over the WBO champion, but he is happy to go ahead with the Cardiff plan if Morrison's manager, Bill Cayton, makes too many demands about the 50-50 split Maloney has offered him. "I like the idea. It would really get me up for the fights."

Duva, who is Lewis's adviser, said: "The first preference is for Lewis to fight Morrison, but Cayton can sometimes be difficult to deal with and he could blow it. That's why we've been thinking about putting on this big show in England. We have already had talks with the MGM Grand people."

Maloney said: "I'm very optimistic of putting on this double header. It would be the biggest event ever in Britain. We are thinking of going to Cardiff Arms Park because it is convenient for London and the South West and the Welsh have been very helpful.

Dennis Finfrock, the head of MGM Grand Special Events, said: "We want the Lewis-Morrison fight for our opening on February 15 because we want to have some big event for the MGM Grand Garden which can hold up to 20,000 people. Lewis is a phenomenal talent and Morrison has proved he doesn't have a glass jaw.

"We are looking at all aspects of the problem and have been talking to Duva and Arum. We would be prepared to pay more than the $2million site fee that was paid by the Mirage for the Lewis-Tucker fight and by the Hilton for the Foreman-Morrison."

BMA say boxing risk grows

NEW research shows that the danger of head injuries in professional and amateur boxing is even greater than had previously been believed (John Goodbody writes). The British Medical Association yesterday published its second report on the sport and urged the Government to set up an independent inquiry because there is now "sufficient evidence for the risks of brain injury".

Professor Jimmy Payne said yesterday: "Concern is now greater than a decade ago. In our research we have found there are more injuries than we had thought." Since the 1984 report the association has campaigned for the abolition of amateur and professional boxing, but, as long as the sport remains legal it wants the parents of boxers aged under 16 to be obliged to give consent and only after being informed of the risks.

The association believes children "may not be capable of making rational decisions about the dangers of boxing and encouraging their participation is irresponsible and unethical."

The authors of the report *The Boxing Debate* are concerned about recent evidence concerning the problem of brain damage using a new machine, magnetic resonance imaging and also the link between boxing and Alzheimer's Disease this only becomes apparent after the competitor's career has finished. The psychological damage has also become more evident to the association.

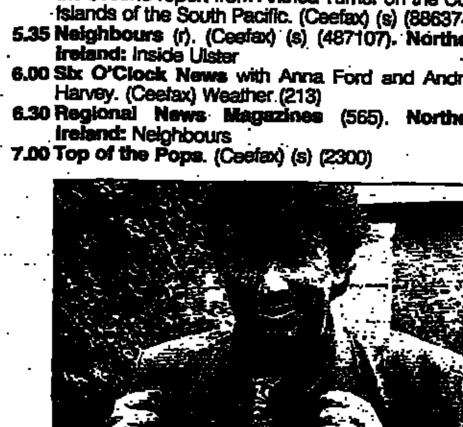
The British Boxing Board of Control said a ban would drive the sport underground and create more dangers. John Morris, the board's general secretary, said it also would be an infringement of an individual's right of choice.

"Any suggestion that boxing should be banned is completely alien to the rights of the individual to make up his own mind on what he wants to do, whether it be mountaineering, rugby or to take part in a boxing contest," Morris said.

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (91671)
7.00 Breakfast News (70589229)
9.05 Morning Surgery. Includes a look at a day in the life of a speech therapist; and dealing with asthma (s) (7588045) **9.20 Hot Chefs.** Chefs Clive Fretwell and John Tovey prepare dishes using pastry (s) (8073403) **9.45 Whatever Happened To..?** Stories that were once headline news (s) (3094381)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8846749) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (7145861) **10.30 Tales of Aesop.** *The Miser* (r) (2274687) **10.35 The Flintstones.** Prehistoric fun (6350478)
11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1586590) **11.05 What a Carry On!** (r) (4447213) **11.35 Postcards from Down Under.** A visit to the northern Australia outback (r) (9877403)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6434687) **12.05 The Cousteau Odyssey.** Jacques Cousteau's search for the lost island of Atlantis (4929584) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (72338687)
1.00 News with Edward Stourton. (Ceefax) Weather (35942) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (83276300)
1.50 International Tennis. The Stella Artois Championship from Queen's Club, London (s) (93696107)
3.50 Pingu (r) (7845774) **3.55 Chuckievision** (r) (s) (3931381) **4.15 Watt On Earth** (r) (s) (2144132) **4.30 Uncle Jack and the Loch Noch Monster** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2993045)
4.55 Newsround (1268854) **5.05 Blue Peter.** Includes the second report from Anthea Turner on the Cook Islands of the South Pacific. (Ceefax) (s) (8863749)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (487107). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (213)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (565). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (2300)

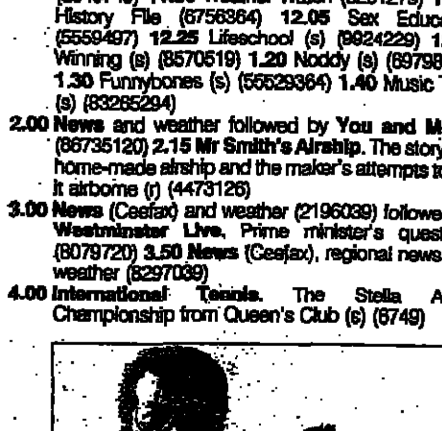


Date: Albert Square's Paul Bradley (7.30pm)

7.30 EastEnders. Nigel (Paul Bradley) smartens himself up for his date with Debbie (Ceefax) (s) (749)
8.00 Keeping Up Appearances. Hyacinth lays plans for her neighbours to witness the arrival of her new three-piece suite. Starring Patricia Routledge (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8720). **Wales:** Every Silver Lining
8.30 Every Silver Lining. Domestic comedy series starring Frances de la Tour and Andrew Sachs. (Ceefax) (s) (7855). **Wales:** Time of My Life
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (3687)
9.30 Crimewatch UK. Among the cases for which the police are appealing for help is the murder of a Londoner found battered to death in his flat in February. (Ceefax) (459584)
10.15 The Full Wax. A compilation from the best of last year's series. (Ceefax) (s) (841590). **Northern Ireland:** Spotlight
10.45 Question Time chaired by Peter Sissons in Glasgow. The panel is writer Joyce MacMillan and MPs Ian Lang, Jack Straw and Margaret Ewing (384949)
11.45 Crimewatch UK Update (437687)
11.55 Weather (509836). Ends at **12.00 Northern Ireland:** 12.15-12.25 Crimewatch Update
3.00-3.30 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (79256)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Space and Time — Through the Looking Glass (9585861) **7.10** Cell Biology: Molecular Immunology (9893251) **7.35** Technology: Marketing the Micro (1076107)
8.00 Breakfast News (4548671)
8.15 Westminster (6825768)
9.00 Daytime On Two: the Economics Collection (7405768) **9.20** Links (8071045) **9.45** You and Me (3092923) **10.00** Watch (2977497) **10.15** Over the Moon (2950720) **10.30** Ghostwriter (s) (95229) **11.00** Q and A (1402584) **11.10** Landmarks (s) (2046749) **11.30** Weather Watch (5201279) **11.45** History File (6756364) **12.05** Sex Education (5559497) **12.25** Lifeschool (s) (9924229) **12.50** Winning (s) (8570519) **1.20** Noddy (s) (69798045) **1.30** Funnybones (s) (55529364) **1.40** Music Time (s) (83265294)
2.00 News and weather followed by **You and Me** (r) (86735120) **2.15 Mr Smith's Airship.** The story of a home-made airship and the maker's attempts to get it airborne (r) (4473126)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (2196039) followed by **Westminster Live.** Prime minister's questions (8079720) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8297039)
4.00 International Tennis. The Stella Artois Championship from Queen's Club (s) (6749)



Aids victim: tennis player Arthur Ashe (6.00pm)

6.00 Fighting Back. The story of the late Arthur Ashe's losing battle against Aids (r). (Ceefax) (s) (855)
6.30 Sounding Retreat. The massed bands and bugles of the Light Division "Sounding Retreat" on Horseguards Parade (27855)
7.30 Business Matters: The Monkey Man. Sheena McDonald investigates why blue chip companies are willing to pay Michael Hartley-Brewer £4,000 a day to coach their executives in the art of negotiation. (Ceefax) (s) (519)
8.00 Tales from the Map Room: On the Rocks. The last in the series on the story of maps traces the development of sea charts. (Ceefax) (s) (2590)
8.30 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson looks back at the best vehicles he and his team have tested in the series (s) (5497)
9.00 The Comic Strip Presents... GLC. How Hollywood would have tackled the story of the demise of the Greater London Council (r). (Ceefax) (655565)
9.35 Under the Sun: The Dragon Bride. (Ceefax) See Choice (184768)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (Ceefax) (103213)
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (254671) **11.55 Weather** (309818)
12.00 Jumpcuts. A preview of the Open University's weekend programmes (9835430)
12.05am Medical Decision-Making. Case studies of to operate or not decisions (1218508). Ends at **12.35**

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CHOICE

Telltale
ITV, 9.00pm

In a cops and villains story with an unusual twist Bernard Hill and Nigel Harrison play detectives whose lives are turned inside out when an old lag (Robert Pugh) becomes a supergrass. He is egged on by his forceful and conniving wife (Rachel Davies) and abetted by a devious solicitor (Oscar Quitak). That much is clear, though Ewart Alexander's script, which is loosely based on a real case, has its share of enigmas. It is not yet obvious, for instance, why so much is made of the coppers' rocky marriages. As seems the current fashion in television thrillers, much of the action takes place at night. This is the cue for smothering the narrative in a cloak of darkness, which is does not always make it easy to follow.

Under the Sun: The Dragon Bride
BBC2, 9.35pm

Tonight's contribution to the odder reaches of anthropology comes from Nepal. We are familiar with cultures which allow a man several wives. This one allows a woman several husbands, as long as all of them are brothers. You might think this is a blow for feminism but it hardly comes across that way. To start with the marriages are arranged and the bride has little say in her choice of groom. And once she had become hitched the difficulties begin. All the husbands demand her affections but only one can be accommodated at a time. The poor women is expected to give them all children. Jealousies abound. The lavish wedding ceremony charted in tonight's film comes across as a very double-edged celebration.



A Russian feeds beer to a monkey (C4, 9.35pm)

True Stories: Dog Eat Dog
Channel 4, 9.35pm

The Polish director Witold Starecki turns a sardonic eye towards Russia and suggests that the country's treatment of its animals is a metaphor for a society running out of control. A dealer collects tortoises and makes ashtrays out of them. There is a thriving illegal trade in anything from baby panthers to lizards. Dog fighting is a popular family sport in a Moscow suburb. In the film's most bizarre sequence a Polish smuggler hides puppies, turtles and rare fish in a railway compartment, bribing the customs man to turn a blind eye. These grotesque vignettes are interspersed with regrets for the good old days of Brezhnev. One Muscovite says: "People are begging in the streets now and that never happened under communism".

Moments of Crisis
Channel 4, 8.00pm

The motherly Mavis Nicholson hosts a series in which she talks to people whose lives have suddenly been devastated. Tonight's subjects, handled with all Nicholson's quiet sympathy, are Annie Maguire and her daughter Anne-Marie. Mrs Maguire was sentenced to 14 years in prison for helping to make the IRA bomb that blew up the Guildford pub. She protested her innocence and was pardoned last year. Anne-Marie was nine when her mother went to prison and both talk about the destruction of a close family life, a child growing up without her parents and a mother unable to attend her son's wedding. The difference is that Mrs Maguire is forgiving while Anne-Marie remains bitter. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. The guests include the Drifters (2568120)
9.25 Cross Wits. Crossword game (8985294) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7058381)
10.00 Out of this World. American comedy series about a schoolgirl with an alien father (90381)
10.30 This Morning. Weekday family magazine series (32205768) **12.10 The Riddlers.** Children's puppet series (r) (5543836)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (1517584) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (25579836)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (875942) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama (s) (874213)
2.15 Simply the Best. Kit Chapman concludes his culinary tour of the British Isles in Scotland where he watches John Webber prepare a venison feast (866294) **2.45 Take the High Road** (2623126)
3.10 ITN News headlines (2270045) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2279316) **3.20 The Young Doctors.** Austarlian drama serial (7286652)
3.50 The Wisdom of the Gnomes. The first of a new animated series (3021958) **4.15 The Pig Attraction.** Puppet series (s) (491039) **4.45 Tiny Toon Adventures** (r) (2610768)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (8953316)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (330233)
6.00 London Tonight. Includes an interview with Geraldine James about her role in *Lysistrata*, directed by Sir Peter Hall (36010)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (4768)
7.30 3D presented by Julia Somerville. This week's three stories includes one about a 63-year-old woman's fight with her aristocratic landlords over ownership of a farm where her family have lived for generations (s) (395)
8.00 The Bill: Tender Mercies. WPC Datta becomes involved with an Asian woman whose husband has disappeared and DC Lines investigates a brutal attack on another Asian man. Is there a connection? (Teletext) (6316)
8.30 Up the Garden Path. Comedy series starring Imelda Staunton as a teacher in a seemingly hopeless search for true love. (Teletext) (s) (2923)



Rough justice: Pugh and Davies (9.00pm)

9.00 Telltale. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (3749)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (80756) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (954039)
10.40 The Frost Programme. Sir David Frost's guests include Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, whose new musical *Sunset Boulevard* is about to open in London, and comic actor Stephen Fry (209836)
11.40 Raw Soup. Variety and discussion from the Deptford Albany Empire (s) (331294)
12.40am US Cup 93 Soccer Tournament. Highlights of the match between Germany and Brazil. The commentators are Alan Parry and Rodney Marsh (9447169)
1.40 Hollywood Report. Showbusiness gossip (s) (9934594)
2.10 Donahue. Phil Donahue interviews Theo Briseno, one of the Los Angeles policemen found not guilty in the Rodney King assault trial (1463546)
3.00 Quiz Night. Pub and club competition (64324)
3.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (41492)
4.00 Entertainment UK. Leisure guide (r) (s) (49817)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (49527)
5.30 ITN Morning News (24527). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w). Vintage American comedy series starring Lucille Ball (38774)
6.45 Spiff and Hercules. Cartoon series about a batting cat and dog (2673294)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (25565)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (11213)
9.30 Schools (681403)
12.00 The Parliament Programme. Anne Perkins with news of yesterday's business in both Houses (30279)
12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early-learning series. The guest is country and western singer Randy Travis (r) (61497)
1.30 Take 5. Cartoons (21132)
2.00 Film: Daisy Kenyon (1947, b/w) starring Joan Crawford, Dana Andrews and Henry Fonda. Stirring melodrama about a fashion illustrator who marries after her affair with a married man breaks up. He later re-enters her life and causes complications. Directed by Otto Preminger (639107)
3.50 Pete Smith Specialties. The different ways people stash their cash (r) (7765584)
3.55 Air Support. A *Survival* documentary about how a Hercules plane and a helicopter combined in a Namibian conservation operation to save a herd of rare roan deer (r). (Teletext) (3633045)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving knock out general knowledge quiz game. The question-master is William G. Stewart. (Teletext) (s) (958)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The hostess crosses the United States looking for the best places to live (Teletext) (s) (8003841)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout. Children's animation, narrated by Nigel Planer (529923)
6.00 Desmond's. Benign comedy series set in a Peckham, south London, barber's shop. Starring Norman Beaton, Ram John Holder and Carmen Munroe (r). (Teletext) (s) (923)
6.30 A Different World. American college comedy (s) (403)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (502132)
7.50 Comment. Alex Freeman claims that the government has failed to fulfil its promise to drastically reduce the hours worked by junior doctors (751382)



Mavis Nicholson with the Maguires (8.00pm)

8.00 Moments of Crisis. (Teletext) See Choice (4958)
8.30 The Crystal Maze. Richard O'Brien leads another group of interpid contestants in a game of skill, strength and intellect (s) (4289229)
9.35 True Stories: Dog Eat Dog (s). See Choice (100669)
11.10 The Jazz Package (b/w). Performances by stars of the 1930s and 1940s including, tonight, Hoagy Carmichael, Peggy Lee, Benny Goodman and Lena Horne (493958)
11.40 First Frame: Burnt Out. Yoram Eshkol-Rokach's story of a photographer and his girlfriend driving across the Negev desert in a big red convertible that breaks down as does their relationship. The girl falls for the mechanic who comes to the rescue (315861)
12.25am Dispatches. A repeat of yesterday evening's documentary about worrying safety standards in children's adventure holiday camps (7579594). Ends at **1.15**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Blockbusters (8953316) **6.00** Home and Away (891652) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (759213) **10.40** Go Fishing (429652) **11.10** Wideangle (495316) **11.40-12.40am** Prisoner: Cell Block H (331294) **1.40** Wrestling (9081140) **2.25** America's Top Ten (8731148) **2.55** Film: Life in Emergency Ward 10 (Michael Craig) (7983237) **4.15** The Twilight Zone (45381546) **4.30** Riviera (65053) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (49527)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (875942) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (874213) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (7286652) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (8953316) **6.00** Home and Away (891652) **6.25-7.00** Central News (809761) **10.40** Central Lobby (429652) **11.10** Hollywood Report (495316) **11.40-12.40am** The Little Picture Show (331294) **1.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9834594) **2.10** America's Top Ten (4131184) **2.40** Raw Power (3911695) **3.40** Quiz Night (57921169) **4.10** Jobfinder (7483966) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (5832966)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (875942) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (874213) **3.20-3.50** Blockbusters (7286652) **5.10-5.40** The Munsters Today (8953316) **6.00** Home and Away (361) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (861) **10.40** Families (219213) **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H (801585) **12.30am-12.40** The Twilight Zone (5813904) **1.40** Wrestling (9081140) **2.25** America's Top Ten (8731148) **2.55** Film: Life in Emergency Ward 10 (Michael Craig, Wilfrid Hyde-White) (7983237) **4.15** The Twilight Zone (45381546) **4.30** Riviera (65053) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (49527)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45pm-2.15 Blockbusters (874213) **6.00** HTV News (361) **6.30-7.00** The Good Neighbours Show (861) **10.40** The West This Week (196923) **11.25** HTV Weekend Outlook (369316) **11.40-12.40am** Prisoner: Cell Block H (331294) **1.40** Wrestling (9081140) **2.25** America's Top Ten (8731148) **2.55** Film: Life in Emergency Ward 10 (7983237) **4.15** The Twilight Zone (45381546) **4.30** Riviera (65053) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (49527)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** The Really Helpful Programme **10.40** Living Proof **11.10** Weekend Ahead! **11.25** Wales and Westminster **11.55-12.40am** Prisoner Cell Block H

MERIDIAN
As London except: 6.00pm Meridian Tonight (381) **6.30-7.00** Grass Roots (861) **10.40** The Pier (555132) **11.20** Prisoner: Cell Block H (369942) **12.15am-12.40** Coach (3737169) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen

TYNE TEES
As London except: 5.55pm Tyne Tees Today (496107) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (861) **10.40** East Coast Mainline (196923) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (369213) **12.20am-12.40** The Twilight Zone (3768463) **1.40** America's Top Ten (9934597) **2.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (4131184) **2.40** Film: The Lovers (445985) **4.15** Short Story Theatre (45372898) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (8937614)

ULSTER
As London except: 3.20pm-3.50 Blockbusters (7286652) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (36010) **10.40** Counterpoint (429652) **11.10** RPM Motorsport (495316) **11.40-12.40am** Boxing (331294) **1.40** Wrestling (9081140) **2.25** America's Top Ten (8731148) **2.55** Film: Life in Emergency Ward 10 (Michael Craig, Wilfrid hyde-White) (7983237) **4.15** The Twilight Zone (45381546) **4.30** Riviera (65053) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (49527)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45pm-2.15 Blockbusters (874213) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (7286652) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (36010) **10.40** Ambulance! (429652) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (443958) **12.10am-12.40** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (1237633) **1.40** Wrestling (9081140) **2.25** America's Top Ten (8731148) **2.55** Film: Life in Emergency Ward 10 (Michael Craig, Wilfrid Hyde-White) (7983237) **4.15** Twilight Zone (45381546) **4.30** Riviera (65053) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (49527)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 5.55pm Calendar (496107) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (861) **10.40** Edit V (196923) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (369213) **12.20am-12.40** The Twilight Zone (3768463) **1.40** America's Top Ten (9934594) **2.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (4131184) **2.40** Film: The Lovers (445985) **4.15** Short Story Theatre (45372898) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (8937614)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (25565) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (11213) **9.30** Ysgolion (681403) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (30279) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (22861) **1.00** Sesame Street (27316) **2.00** Film: The Story of Three Loves (53283348) **4.10** Cut Out For Love (9255010) **4.30** Sailors Last Leap (958) **5.00** Fifteen To One (8774) **5.30** The Next Big Thing (710) **6.00** Newyddion (244720) **6.10** Heno (860768) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (5010) **7.30** Margaret (80590) **8.30** Newyddion (932213) **8.55** Minafon (920720) **9.35** The Long Summer (125497) **10.05** Comics (643652) **12.00** Street Legal (9687256) **12.40** Surgical Spirit (8836256) **1.10** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (97268805) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4260942) **9.10** Cartoons (2086391) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (86497) **10.00** Card Sharks (7225294) **10.25** Concentration (7966671) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (1712584) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (86923) **11.30** Falcon Crest (51497) **12.30pm** E Street (82213) **1.00** Another World (9432132) **1.45** Three's Company (412497) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (263958) **3.15** Different Strokes (599590) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8024652) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1213) **6.00** Games World (8855) **6.30** E Street (9107) **7.00** Rescue (2942) **7.30** Full House (1519) **8.00** Eddie Dodd: New series starring Treat Williams as a maverick defence attorney (20497) **9.00** Chances (96701) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (71520) **11.00** The Streets of San Francisco (67519) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (52294) **6.30** News and Business Report (261958) **9.30** Nightline (53519) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (22107) **11.30** International Business Report (59039) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (26923) **1.30** Good Morning America (27652) **2.30** Parliament Live (1050294) **3.15** Parliament Live (6568584) **4.30** News and Business Report (1132) **5.00** Live at Five (45519) **6.30** News and Business Report (69855) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (2661) **10.30** Nightline (61652) **11.30** ABC News (42039) **12.30am** *Financial Times* Reports (62411) **1.30** ABC News (48256) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (52968) **3.30** ABC News (57411) **4.30** *Financial Times* Reports (86508) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (79091)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (8240590)
10.00 The Freshman (1990): Matthew Broderick works for Marlon Brando (68229)
12.00 Blue (1968): Terence Stamp rescues Joanna Pettet from Mexican bandits (25045)
2.00pm On a Clear Day You Can See Forever (1970): Musical with Barbra Streisand (54730107)
4.15 Joe Panther (1976): An Indian boy tries to make his way in white society (19378316)
6.10 The Freshman (as 10am) (44122720)
8.00 Victim of Love (1991): Psychiatrist JoBeth Williams discovers that patient Virginia Madsen is also seeing widower Pierce Brosnan (19381)
10.00 Wisdom (1987): Emilio Estevez and Demi Moore help American farmers (541720)
11.50 Steele Justice (1987): Martin Kove pursues a Vietnamese drug lord (589300)
1.30am Framed (1990): Kristin Scott Thomas blackmails artist Jeff Goldblum (1034782)
2.55 Graffiti Bridge (1990): Musical starring Prince (941418)
4.30 In Gold We Trust (1990): Jan-Michael Vincent searches for treasure in the Vietnamese jungle (87091). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Four for Texas (1963): Western comedy with Dean Martin (62364)
8.00 Strangers When We Meet (1960): Kirk Douglas and Kim Novak have a clandestine affair (82229)
10.00 The King of Marvin Gardens (1972): Radio personality Jack Nicholson comes to the aid of elder brother Bruce Dern (449403). Ends at **11.40**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Support Your Local Sheriff! (1969): Western spoof (96836)
8.00 Pinocchio and the Emperor of the Night (1987): Cartoon (37836)
10.00 The Search for Bridey Murphy (1956): Teresa Wright is hypnotised (10305213)
11.40 The Mummy's Ghost (1944, b/w): John Carradine helps Lon Cheney Jr to search for a princess (9345126)
12.50pm The Murders in the Rue Morgue (1932, b/w): Bela Lugosi searches for a bride for his ape creation (9013958)
2.00 Operation Kid Brother (1967): James Bond spoof with Neil Connery (25942)
4.00 Pinocchio and the Emperor of the Night (as 8am) (7687)
6.00 Pink Lightning (1991): Five women take to the road in a pink Cadillac (12478)
8.00 Almost an Angel (1990): Paul Hogan believes that he has died (17923)
10.00 Blood Moon (1990): A killer stalks girls at a Catholic school (558010)
11.45 Desire and Hell at the Sunset Motel (1991): Sherilyn Fenn is menaced by a blackmailer (668861)
1.25am Hollister (1991): Brian Bloom avenges his brother's murder (9695817)
2.55 In a Stranger's Hand (1991): Robert Urich helps Megan Gallagher to find her missing daughter (314940)
4.30 Foxes (1980): Coming-of-age drama with Jodie Foster (85633). Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (61861) **7.00** Watersports (89300) **8.00** Bullriders (70229) **9.00** Prime Bodies (18749) **9.30** Stella Artois Tennis (88958) **11.00** Drag Racing (19861) **11.30** Isle of Man TT (10590) **12.00** The Milk Race (51942) **1.00pm** Ringside (77478) **3.00** FNB Skins Golf 1992 (66687) **5.00** Motor World (2720) **5.30** ATP Tennis (1584) **6.00** WWF Wrestling (57126) **7.00** FIA Rally (42887) **8.00** The Milk Race (55107) **9.00** US PGA Golf (58294) **11.00** Stella Artois Tennis (78949) **12.00-1.00am** Motorsport (23527)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (97774) **8.00** European Golf (92497) **9.00** Football 1994 World Cup Qualifiers (46328) **10.00** Basketball (43923) **12.00** Tennis (3466749) **4.00** Athletics (9687) **6.00** Mountain Biking (3565) **6.30** News (7395) **7.00** Basketball (98403) **9.00** Football (49590) **11.00** Ice Hockey (94687) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (16546)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Raccoons (3361132) **7.30** Neighbours (3284039) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4333497) **8.30** EastEnders (4332768) **9.00** The Bill (4316720) **9.30** The Onedin Line (9363942) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (1459497) **11.30** Happy Ever after (5705887) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (4336584) **12.30pm** Neighbours (6269855) **1.00** EastEnders (3360403) **1.30** The Bill (6268126) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (4119229) **2.30** Three Up, Two Down (7831403) **3.00** Dallas (1105823) **4.00** Dynasty (6955120) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4020381) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (7842519) **6.00** Neighbours (7832132) **6.30** The Onedin Line (6393126) **7.30** 'Allo 'Allo' (7756768) **8.00** EastEnders (4026565) **8.30** Three Up, Two Down (4038300) **9.00** Juliet Bravo (6884749) **10.00** The Bill (4337213) **10.30** Carrot's Lib (4419861) **11.00** Till Death Us Do Part (1000279) **11.30** Dr Who: The Mutants (2601768) **12.00** Film. Forced Vengeance (1982) starring Chuck Norris (1503140) **1.35-2.00am** Videos (85197695)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (95403) **7.00** RatKan II (89671) **9.00** Jack in the Box (34316) **11.00** Stones Without Words (59403) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (50132) **12.00** Secret Valley (31584) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (73132) **2.00** Stones Without Words (9652) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (8652) **3.00** Babar (3789584) **3.25** RatKan II (39097519) **5.00** Pugwall's Summer (6132) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (9768) **6.00-7.00** Fame (97768)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Maths — Methods of Integration
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor, including Haydn (Symphony No 83 in G minor, The Hen: Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment under Sigiswald Kuijken); Medtner (Sonata-Idylle: Earl Wild, piano); Rachmaninov (Vocalise: Suzanne Murphy, soprano; Scottish National Orchestra under Neeme Järvi); Biber (Sonata Violino Solo Representiva: Reinhard Goebel, violin)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Gershwin — 1932-1935. Paul Guinery presents Cuban Overture (Cleveland Orchestra), Second Rhapsody (Los Angeles PO); Union Square, Let 'Em Eat Cake; My Man's Gone Now; Headin' for the Proms' Lan', Porgy and Bess; Somebody from Somewhere, Delicious
10.00 Morning Sequence: Purcell (Chaconne; Overture; Air, King Arthur); Handel (Let Thy Hand Be Strengthened: Choir of Westminster Abbey under Simon Preston); Corelli (Trio Sonata in G, Op 2 No 12); C.P.E. Bach (Symphony in E, Wq 182 No 6); Bach (Partita No 6 in E minor: Trevor Pinnock, harpsichord); Handel (Ode for St Cecilia's Day: Felicity Lott, soprano, Anthony Rolfe-Johnson, tenor)
12.00 Beethoven: Piano Trio in B flat, Op 97, Archduke (Peter Frankl, piano, Gyorgy Pauk, violin, Ralph Kirshbaum, cello) (r) **1.00pm News**
1.05 Opera News, with James Naughtie (r)
1.50 Castor et Pollux: Les Arts Florissants under William Christie perform Rameau's opera in a prologue and five acts to a libretto by Pierre-Joseph Bernard. Sung in French. With Claire Brua as Minerva, Howard Crook as Castor and Jerome Correas as Pollux
5.00 In Tune: Charles Hazlewood presents music, news and arts events
7.30 Spirit of the Earth: Tonight's concert, recorded at last year's festival, features music from China and Indonesia. Monks from Wutai Shan perform vocal and instrumental music for Buddhist rites. **8.20** Jack May reads the Sudanese tale, *Sang Kuriang*. **8.30** The ensemble Puspa Nugraha from Sunda, Java, performs a selection of Tembang Sunda songs
9.30 Sleepless Nights: Is This My Room? Sorry, Madam. The fourth of five daily diaries of everyday anxieties by the pianist David Owen Norris
9.35 Beethoven: Piano Concerto No 4 in G (Radu Lupu; Suisse Romande Orchestra under Armin Jordan)
10.15 Groovin' High: Alyn Shipton presents the fourth of a six-part tribute to the trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie (r)
10.45 Night Waves: Michèle Roberts talks to Edmund White about his new biography of Jean Genet and chairs a discussion on post-war art and existentialism
11.30 Songs of Venice: Rossini (La gita in gondola); Fauré (Cinq mélodies de Venise); Schumann (Venezianische Lieder, Op 25 Nos 17 and 18); Schubert (Gondelfahrer, D808); Mendelssohn (Venezianisches Gondellied, Op 57 No 5); Hahn (Song cycle, Venezia); Rossini (La regata veneziana)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts: John Waite investigates (r)
9.30 Ad Lib: Robert Robinson talks to bespoke tailors in a Savile Row cutting room (r)
10.00-10.30 Rent (FM only): The final episode of Lucy Flannery's comedy. With Barbara Flynn as Maria and Patrick Barlow as Richard
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Exodus. David Kossoff reads the first of ten episodes (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour talks to Joanna Head about her film for the series *Under the Sun* on BBC2 tonight; meets Dame Barbara Castle; there is an item on the novelist Dorothy L. Sayers; and a discussion on political speeches
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm Out of Order: Team captains Austin Mitchell, MP, and Michael White are joined by Charles Kennedy, MP, and Andrew Rawnsley for a light-hearted test of political knowledge. Chairman Patrick Hannan **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Here Be Dragons: Mark Mulholland stars in Stewart Love's play. Educational changes force Frank James, a dedicated and old-fashioned teacher, to question his life's work
3.00-4.00 Bus Stop (FM only): Jenni Mills and Andrew Jennings visit Maidstone, Kent
3.00 Prime Minister's Questions (LW only) **4.00 News**
4.05 Kaleidoscope visits Shropshire for the centenary celebrations of the poet Wilfred Owen; tours Petworth House in Sussex; and reviews Brian Friel's *Translations* at the Donmar Warehouse, London
4.45 Short Story: Summer Picnic, by Elizabeth Jane Howard. Read by June Barrie
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Nick Revell Show: Visitors. Sitcom with Nick Revell, Alistair McGowan and Doon Mackichan
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Radio Lives: A Special Correspondent. In the third of six portraits of radio greats, Peter White explores the personality of his idol, the travel broadcaster and Korean war reporter Rene Cutforth
8.00 Analysis: The Sleeping Giants? Evan Davis investigates the accountability of the City's financial institutions
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? with Ted Harrison. For listeners with disabilities
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Story of San Michele, by Axel Munthe. Adapted and read by Jeremy Nicholas (9/10)
11.00 Two Way Cut: See Choice
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.44** As World Service (LW only)

Two Way Cut. *Radio 4, 11.00pm.*
Probably no murder serial broadcast in recent years has kicked off with so much forensic detail as Stephen Mulrine's dramatisation of the novel by Peter Turnbull. We are spared nothing, from how the head was severed to the contents of the stomach and what the victim had done to him at the dentist's. As for why the body, found on Glasgow wasteland, bears no trace of spilt blood, there is a flesh-creeping 30 seconds at the end of the episode. It indicates the dark and twisting road along which this four-part serial is going to proceed in the coming weeks.

Evening Concert. *Classic FM, 8.00pm.*
What if Classic FM's evening concerts *are* recorded, not transmitted live? The music is the thing. That also goes for Classic FM's lunchtime concerto. Radio 3 will not be drawn on whether it regards Classic FM's concerts as a serious challenge to the audience-pulling power of its own live relays. But one cannot help noticing that the *Radio Times* now prints a prominent black-and-white box saying "Live" alongside its listings. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1
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News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. **6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** The Couch Potato's Guide to Creative Leisure **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** The AM Alternative **12.30pm** Sporting Albums. Sally Gunnell **1.00** News and Sport **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** Sportsbeat **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** The Green Hornet **7.15** Sam's Swop Shop (2/3) **7.30** Formula Five **8.00** Vibe! **9.30** Outlaws, by Mike Walker (1/3) **10.10** Eastern Beat **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE
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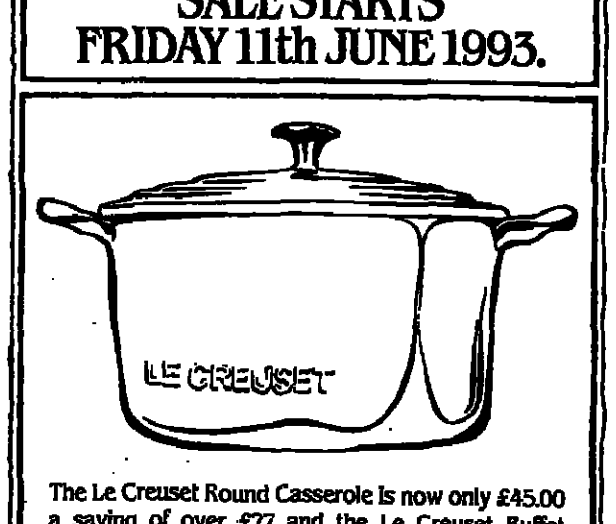
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Old Trafford heroics rewarded

Captain Gooch passes test of confidence

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE heroic batting of Graham Gooch at Old Trafford this week was not, after all, entirely in vain. With his commitment to the England cause restated beyond question, Gooch was yesterday relieved of the threat of dismissal in mid-series and will remain as captain throughout the six-Test Ashes series.

The decision of the England committee, announced by the chairman, Ted Dexter, is to be welcomed as logical and timely, if unexpected. To many observers it will seem strange to show such faith in a captain whose tenure was only short-termand who has just lost three one-day games and a Test match, but the committee is nonetheless acting with good reason. The initial appointment of Gooch for only three Tests was always destined to create harmful speculation and could only be justified by doubts over Gooch's state of mind.

Such doubts were put to rest when Gooch batted for eight hours, making 65 and 133, during the defeat at Old Trafford. To allow the captaincy to remain an issue after such stirring defiance would have been distracting to the team and insulting to Gooch.

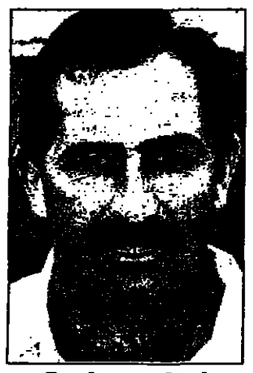
Dexter, reflecting on the game in Manchester, said that "the personal contribution and determination of the captain was clearly outstanding". But he also took the opportunity, afforded by the reappointment, to issue a thinly veiled threat to those players whose approach was anything but heroic.

"It is now up to the rest of the team to learn from his example," Dexter said, "and give their full support to Gooch at Lord's and for the remainder of the series." Though he mentioned no names, it was, for Dexter, a strong indictment of those who let the captain down.

Keith Fletcher, the England manager, said he was "delighted" with Gooch's appointment for the whole summer. "I think the reason he was only given three Tests originally was because the selectors were a bit concerned about his form and appetite for the game in India," Fletcher said.

"In fairness, Graham was ill on that trip. But at Old Trafford he looked back to his very best and deserved to save the match. Who eventually takes over as captain is not a concern for me at the moment. Winning back the Ashes is our number one priority this summer."

The decision yesterday arose from a full day of meetings at Lord's. Dexter was present for a routine session of the international committee of the Test and County Cricket Board but he took the chance to discuss the captaincy with other members of the England committee. Ossie Wheatley, the board's cricket chairman, was then contacted by telephone for his approval and, shortly after 3pm, Gooch was asked to carry on.



Gooch: committed

He was, in the time-honoured way of these things, said to be delighted. Relief will also have figured high in his emotions, for he is a proud man, intense in his belief that someone should only take on a job if he is to see it through. He had been disappointed by the original vote of semi-confidence, though he understood that his own, widely stated doubts on returning from India led to the committee's reservations.

For some weeks he has been stressing his desire to complete the series in charge and, if the Old Trafford defeat perversely strengthened his case to continue, it also weakened the case for change, none of the alternative candidates emerging with much credit.

One of them, preferably Michael Atherton, possibly Alec Stewart but more probably Mike Gatting (who is the choice of the manager, Keith Fletcher), will be installed for the tour of the Caribbean in the winter, and it will be a daunting introduction. No more daunting, though, than taking over during the game's most important series.

Despite the recent run of defeats, Gooch's record as captain still bears scrutiny. He has led the side in 31 Tests, winning ten, losing ten and drawing 11. Interestingly, the five Tests Gooch has missed, since resuming the job at the start of 1990, were all lost and despite the usual public tendency to demand change in times of adversity, there is no reason to believe anyone fresh would improve matters at this stage.

There have been hints in recent weeks that his influence over selection has diminished and there is no doubt he was outvoted on the question of Stewart's role in the first Test.

With an extension of his contract, five Tests still to come and his abiding ambition to regain the Ashes still achievable, it will be fascinating to see if Gooch is once more given the men he wants, in the order he wants them. If so, then we may expect to see Jack Russell return, as a specialist wicketkeeper, for the second Cornhill Test at Lord's next week, when Gooch may also promote the return of David Gower.

☐ Curtly Ambrose, the West Indian fast bowler, has a groin strain and misses Northamptonshire's county championship game against Sussex at Hove today. Tony Penberthy, the all-rounder, and the leg-spinner, Andy Roberts, are in the Northamptonshire squad.

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IAN STEWART



Serving apprentice: Ross Matheson, of Britain, on his way to a 6-3, 6-4 defeat by David Witt, in the Stella Artois tennis championship yesterday. Report, page 42

Europe's leading footballer has ankle surgery

THE playing future of Marco van Basten, the Dutch footballer, remained uncertain last night after he had undergone surgery on an injured ankle.

Professor Marc Martens, a leading specialist in knee and ankle injuries, operated on the AC Milan forward for over an hour in an Antwerp clinic.

Martens said van Basten would be out for at least four months, and only then would doctors be able to assess with certainly if he can return to top-class football.

"I'm optimistic about his future, even though it was a bad cartilage tear," Martens said.

"The operation consisted of cleaning out cartilage debris from the ankle and it went very well.

"But the damage has been done. Some part of the cartilage has disappeared and it cannot be put back."

Van Basten, 28, is a three-time European player of the year. He underwent surgery on the injured right ankle on December 21 in Switzerland, but reported continued pain.

After being sidelined for almost five months, he returned to play in Milan's defeat to Marseilles in the European Cup final in Munich on May 26 and two league matches. Club sources said he needed pain-killing injections.

Van Basten's audacious goalscoring skills were crucial to Holland's 1988 European championship victory. He scored the second goal in their 2-0 victory over the Soviet Union in the final.

He also featured in AC Milan's European Cup wins in 1989 and 1990 and in the club's string of Italian league victories. He was the leading scorer in the Italian league in 1990 and 1992, playing alongside his compatriots, Ruud Gullit and Frank Rijkaard. Before his latest injury he scored 12 goals in as many league games this season.

Van Basten's reputation made him the target of tough tackling, and he has a history of ankle injuries. Fabio Capello, Milan's coach, said in a recent interview: "Marco likes to play deep in the rivals' penalty area, in which tackles are frequent and rough. No surprise that his ankles are often in jeopardy."

Barnet hold last-ditch talks on survival

BY KEITH PIKE

THE future of Barnet football club was hanging in the balance last night, with the odds stacked heavily against its survival.

The club, which won promotion to the second division last season, has admitted debts of £1.3 million, and its board of directors was meeting with an unnamed prospective backer.

However, Edwin Stein, the manager, said he thought there was only a "slim chance" of Barnet avoiding becoming the third Football League club to go out of business in the past 15 months, following Aldershot in March last year and Maidstone United five months later. "I expect them to call it a day, and the only people to blame are those on the board," Stein said.

Barnet's plight will be discussed at a meeting of the Football League today, and it seems inevitable that by tomorrow, when the league's annual meeting is held in Walsall, the club will have ceased trading. Halifax Town, who were demoted to the GM Vauxhall Conference, would almost certainly be given a reprieve, with Walsall taking Barnet's place in the second division next season.

Any hopes that a rescue package could be put together seemed to disappear yesterday when Gary Bull, Barnet's most valuable playing asset, refused to sign a new contract. Stein was told by Stanley Beller, Barnet's company secretary, that the backer will only pursue his interest if all 16 of the club's registered players agree to extend their present contracts or sign new ones and Bull, whose contract has expired, is thought likely to rejoin Barry Fry, the former Barnet manager now in charge of Southend United. "It's probably the end of the road," Beller said.

Barnet have been plagued by financial difficulties since winning a place in the league two seasons ago, and were fined £50,000 last November for irregularities and a further £25,000 in May for breaching regulations concerning payments to players. Last August, they were banned from the transfer market and in December, the Inland Revenue seized documents.

Royal Ascot goes ahead courtesy of £1m loan



Sir John: defends loan

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

A £1 million interest-free loan has been given to Ascot racecourse for emergency fire and safety work to enable next week's royal meeting to go ahead as planned. The track is technically owned by the Crown Estates Commissioners but is run in the name of the sovereign by three trustees appointed by the Queen and headed by Sir Piers Bengough, her majesty's representative.

The disclosure of the Horserace Betting Levy Board's favourable loan, to be repaid over two years, is likely to embroil the Queen in fresh controversy given Ascot's privileged financial position within British horse racing.

Apart from the substantial, but undisclosed gate receipts, Ascot has steadfastly refused to countenance race sponsorship at the royal meeting. Potential sponsorship is estimated to be at least £1 million.

Ascot approached the Levy Board in January for a loan after National Heritage insisted that wide ranging improvements had to be made to the stands before a fire and safety certificate could be issued for this year's royal meeting. Dangerous 30-year-old wiring has been replaced, new fire and safety measures installed and the grandstand roof has been replaced at a cost of more than £2 million. Ascot is due to receive its fire and safety certificate today.

The Levy Board's £50 million annual income comes from part of the 10 per cent deductions added to wagers placed in off-course betting shops. Rodney Brack, chief executive of the Levy Board, said: "It became clear that unless this money was made available quickly there was a serious danger that the work could not be done in time to ensure this year's royal meeting taking place."

Royal Ascot generates £50 million in betting, with £800,000 levy coming back to racing. The Levy Board provides £152,000 in prize money for the meeting and a contribution of £219,000 for the group events. "In terms of profit and loss, the Levy Board receives £800,000 and has a total expenditure of £371,000," Brack said.

Sir John Sparrow, the chairman of the Levy Board, defended the loan. "It is an interesting argument that you should discriminate against a racecourse because its owner happens to be a wealthy individual," Sir John said. "It is an argument that might discourage wealthy individuals from owning racecourses if they believe they will be treated differently from owners of other racecourses."

He dismissed suggestions that the Levy Board should have pushed for sponsorship at the royal meeting. "The racecourse is in an unusual position in that it is both extremely important to racing in terms of our international reputation ... and it is owned by somebody who wishes not to have the meeting sponsored."

"To suggest that the Levy Board should have taken advantage of a situation that was dangerous for racing would have been wrong."

Ascot has already paid the bill for the work. £500,000 was advanced in April and the second installment will be handed over next year. Brack said: "Ascot were asked to provide financial forecasts and full justification for their need. They certainly demonstrated in their figures they had need of this loan to get this work done in this time scale."

Captain Nicky Beaumont, clerk of the Ascot course, said yesterday that if the safety work had not been carried out restrictions on crowd numbers would have made racing impractical. "At the top of the royal enclosure we would have been allowed 435 people instead of over 5,500," Capt Beaumont said. "You might as well not have opened the gates."

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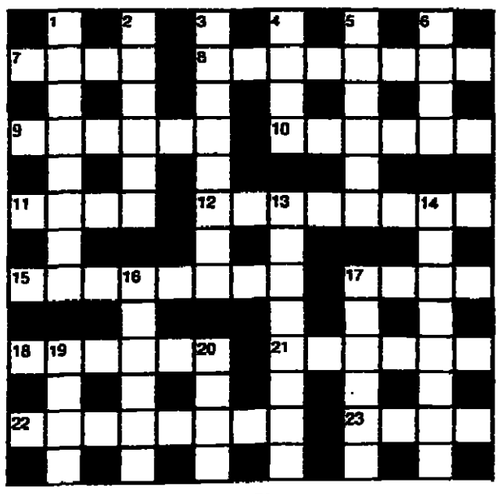
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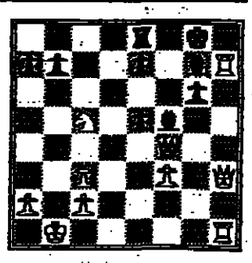
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Short — Halifman, Germany 1991. Can white do better than move his queen? Predictamove game for the World Championship can be followed on Channel 4 Teletextpage 478. Tune in now to follow chess and get some advance practice.



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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

SPARAGMOS
a. Sphagnum moss
b. Dismemberment
c. An estivating shepherd

RECIBIR
a. A chicane at show jumping
b. A Brazilian butler
c. A bull-fighter's pose

DISEUSE
a. To let lie fallow
b. Second hand
c. A woman monologuist

JOGET
a. An improvised dance
b. A Belgian sabertash
c. A jacuzzi bidet

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